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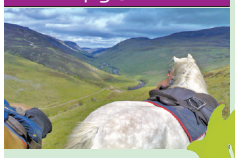

Rural Scotland's magnificence

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Metro is marking Earth Day with a series of articles to get you to Go Green:

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Ontario will have the toughest rules when its pesticide ban takes effect. Page 4

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GO GREEN. Metro's special Earth Day section takes a look at environmental issues around the world — from what changing climates mean to wine producers, to the effect plastic is having on our oceans. Pages 19-22.

METRO DRIVE. We take a look at Toyota's reinvented Prius hybrid. Page 29.

An expert tells us why variety in Green technology is needed. Page 30.

ENTERTAINMENT: Our movie reviewer takes a look at the documentary Earth, and Harrison Ford lets us in on his green initiative. Page 42.

ONLINE: Visit metronews.ca for more Earth Day stories.

In honour of Earth Day, Metro Toronto will be published on recycled paper every day this week.

Ontario ranked second on green report card

RATINGS British Columbia is the greenest province in Canada, says a nationwide report set for release on Earth Day today.

The first ever Green Provincial Report Card issued by the independent Corporate Knights group says B.C. gets a C+ with 69 per cent, and Ontario places second with 67 per cent.

Prince Edward Island is the brownest province in Canada, earning an F with a score of 32 per cent.

The report's authors looked at 10 categories, including greenhouse gases, green jobs, green energy, organic food, water use, biodiversity and car dependency.

Corporate Knights spokesman Toby Heaps says B.C. comes in first because of its green jobs, green buildings, organic food and energy efficiency.

Prince Edward Island ranks lowest due to its poor record on protecting land, car dependency, green building, energy efficiency and environmental rights.

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Happy Earth Day

Albert Einstein famously predicted that if bees were to cease to exist, humans could last only four years after the last bee died.

A shocking estimation, but these pollinators truly make our ecosystems work.

What's frightening is that the world's pollinators, predators, prey, vegetation and oceans that we rely on for food, oxygen and water are at risk.

Which is precisely why Metro is dedicating this year's annual Green Metro to the topic of biodiversity — a term that, quite simply put, means the vast variety of plants, animals and natural resources found on Earth.

Like bees.

So read on — and plant a garden. Ride your bike. Remember the oceans, the bees, the worms — they are your neighbours ... and our heroes.

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Man in hospital following home invasion
Three men, one with a gun, burst into a Scarborough home and attacked a resident, sending him to hospital with serious injuries, police said. The home invasion on Ascolda Boulevard, near Markham Road and Eglinton Avenue East, happened around 4 a.m. Monday. Police are seeking three suspects. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Local

Clinton, Bush coming to Toronto

Former U.S. presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush will appear together in Toronto on May 29. The two will appear at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for their first public meeting since Bush left the White House in January. The two are expected to discuss challenges facing the world and the United States in a discussion expected to last a couple of hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Energy-efficient education

Province details $550-million green plan to help improve schools

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About 1,000 Ontario schools will become more energy-efficient thanks to a $550-million, two-year program announced yesterday by Premier Dalton McGuinty.

The 72 school boards in the province will decide which schools will be eligible for the green improvements, which could include more efficient heating and cooling systems, smart thermostats, light occupancy sensors, and high-efficiency windows, roofs and boilers.

"By retrofitting our schools, we're creating jobs while saving energy and money, and teaching our kids about greener ways to live," McGuinty said.

The school projects will start this summer after classes end in June, he said, and will help create about 5,500 temporary jobs.

The money comes from the government's $32-billion infrastructure program announced in this year's provincial budget.

The Progressive Conservatives complained the government lacks a detailed plan for the infrastructure spending. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Premier Dalton McGuinty, centre, makes an announcement about a new initiative to retrofit Ontario's publicly funded schools to create jobs and make our schools more energy efficient. He is flanked by the Minister of Education, Kathleen Wynne, left, and the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, George Smitherman at St. Paul Catholic School

News in brief

EARTH DAY The Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada and Direct Energy will have Earth Day celebration and family barbecue in Regent Park today. The celebration kicks off at 4 p.m. at the Toronto Kiwanis Boys and Girls Clubs at 101 Spruce St., near Parliament and Gerrard streets.

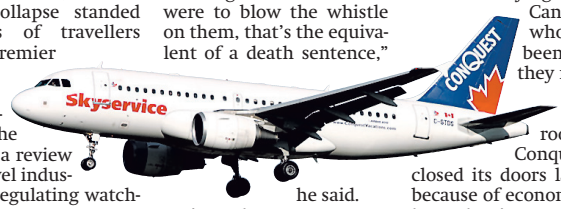
STUDENT FEES Angry University of Toronto students will ask Ontario's Superior Court of Justice to block plans to charge part-time students a full-time fee, claiming officials failed to follow proper rules of order when they changed the proposal at a recent meeting. The University of Toronto Students' Union and the Arts and Science Students' Union are slated to appear in court tomorrow against the "flat fee" plan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

TICO under fire for Conquest

TRAVEL Other travel agencies may be facing financial woes similar to Conquest Vacations, whose sudden collapse standed thousands of travellers abroad, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday as he called for a review of the travel industry's self-regulating watchdog.

While the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) came under fire for not warning consumers about Conquest's precarious position, McGuinty said the agency has to walk a fine line.

"The problem is right now there are likely a number of businesses that are experiencing some real challenges, and if TICO were to blow the whistle on them, that's the equivalent of a death sentence," he said.



Since there's no "warning card" equivalent under the TICO system, McGuinty said he wants a quick review of the agency to see if it needs more powers to protect consumers.

"If TICO blows the whistle too early, then all the people who are employed in that travel business are going to be out of a job."

The travel council has said it's trying to help Canadians who have been told they must pay for their hotel rooms after Conquest closed its doors last week because of economic problems, leaving many of its customers in the lurch.

TICO administers a $29-million travel industry fund that will reimburse travellers up to $5,000 if they're forced to pay their hotel because their tour operator did not pay the bill. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G2 drivers to be allowed passengers

POLICY Young drivers in Ontario will soon be facing new restrictions now that a government bill has passed in the provincial legislature.

The new rules impose a zero blood-alcohol limit for all Ontario drivers aged 21 and under.

But drivers aged 16 to 19 with a G2 licence won't be limited to just one other teen in the vehicle.

The government put the brakes on that proposal following a public uproar on the social networking website Facebook.

More than 150,000 people joined the online protest and members of the legislature were inundated with complaints.

At the time, Premier Dalton McGuinty admitted he'd "stepped in it" with the restriction and joked that even his four grown children were giving him a hard time about it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province dives in to save city pools

SCHOOLS Premier Dalton McGuinty says the debate over pools at Toronto schools has gone on long enough.

McGuinty confirmed yesterday the Ontario government will provide capital funding to keep the pools open at Toronto schools.

He said the schools are an important resource for students and for the public in the neighbourhood — even though no other school boards in Ontario have swimming pools.

Toronto has 79 pools at schools, but has only 30 city-run indoor pools for its 2.5 million residents, so many public swim programs operate in school pools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GO-ing green

GO trains just got a little bit greener, having harnessed the power of the wind to supply energy to one of its newest stations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pesticide crackdown

Ontario will enact the toughest rules in Canada when its pesticide ban takes effect today, a move that could land the province in the legal crosshairs of an international trade dispute.

Ontario is joining Quebec in restricting the use of pesticides, but its rules go further by prohibiting the sale and cosmetic use of more than 80 ingredients and 250 products, with few exceptions, experts say.

Other provinces are considering similar restrictions to protect the environment and public health, including British Columbia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, said Lisa Gue of the David Suzuki Foundation.

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Science hasn't yet proven what effect, if any, pesticides have on our health, but given the risks, governments must err on the side of caution, Gue said from Ottawa.

Experts, such as the Ontario College of Family Physicians, have warned that the long-term effects of exposure to pesticides can be devastating, especially to pregnant women and children.

Ontario will still allow pesticides to be used in farming, forestry or for health and safety reasons, such as controlling mosquitoes that can carry diseases like the West Nile virus. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mayor Miller **Green roof at Toronto City Hall**

TONY ROCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

With some help from Mayor David Miller, Grade 5 students from Chalkfarm Public School start the planting of city hall's green roof, part of the new green initiatives taking place in the city.

NDP fuming over budget motion

POLITICS Loud cries, heckles and fist-pounding brought the Ontario legislature to an abrupt halt yesterday as outraged New Democrats protested what they called a government attempt to pass its budget without proper public debate.

The NDP are upset with a motion to limit public debate on the budget bill to one day, depriving people who are upset about a merged sales tax and pension reforms the opportunity to air their concerns. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario pushing plan for its 'Zero Waste Future'

GREEN The experts agree. Within 20 years, they say, Ontario's landfill sites will be maxed out with a proliferation of waste, much of it bottles, cans, bags and an endless panoply of packaging. At the same time, expectations for sweeping change — from students, environmentalists and policy-makers — have never been higher.

So how do we convert all that momentum into action?

One of the most prevalent steps being taken by Ontario is to implement Extended Producer Responsibility, the European concept that the manufacturer must cover the full cost of properly recycling or disposing of a product at the end of its life cycle.

While corporate culture remains wary of the costs, Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretsen has embraced EPR, and the province will push forward a massive review of waste diversion called "Toward a Zero Waste Future." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

COURT An admitted sex offender showed little reaction as hours of child pornography he has admitted to making in his Whitby home were shown in court yesterday as the Crown continued to make its case. Michael Ross Stratton, 41, taped more than 60 hours of sexual abuse during a 14-year period leading up to his arrest in June 2006. The case continues today. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Caribana gets injection of life

FESTIVAL The recession could swell Caribana crowds by forcing some people to look for summer fun in Toronto instead of abroad, organizers say.

Last year, some 1.3 million people took in the Caribbean festival. The festival struggled financially for years but yesterday organizers announced a new, three-year sponsorship agreement with Scotiabank TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Police release Beer Store robbery video

Durham police have released video they hope will help locate two men who smashed the window of a Beer Store on Main Street North in Uxbridge around 1:30 a.m. on April 14, making off with nine boxes of beer. Police are looking for two men, ages 16 to 19. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OLG tickets printed with wrong date

RECALL Ontario's scandal-plagued lottery corporation says it's recalling 92 lottery tickets.

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. says it's replacing or refunding 92 tickets because the wrong draw date was printed on the tickets, which makes them null and void. All tickets were sold between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday.

Forty of the recalled tickets were part of Monday's draw for the Pick 3, Daily Keno and Pick 4 games. The remaining 52 tickets were issued for the Super 7, Lottario, Lotto 6-49 and Payday games to be drawn this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

ARSON Police are seeking two suspects in a Monday night fire at a real estate office on Main Street in Unionville in Markham. The first suspect is described as white, 18 to 19, 6'0", 160 pounds with a thin build, shaved head, wearing a brown suede jacket and brown jeans. The second is described as 18 to 19 years, 5'8", thin build and wearing a white T-shirt. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Earth Day a hit

Most Canadians still see Earth Day as important despite concerns that current stormy economic times are raining on the environmental parade, a new survey suggests.

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The Harris-Decima poll, released yesterday, finds Canadians are more likely to give a green thumbs-down to the financial crisis than see its environmental benefits.

Overall, one-third of respondents said the economic downturn has had a negative impact on making environmentally friendly choices, while 26 per cent believed the effect is positive.

"There's still a sense among many Canadians that making an environmental choice might be a more costly choice, at least in the immediate term," said Jeffrey Walker, senior vice-president of Harris-Decima. "(But) there's a large segment of Canadians whose behaviour does not appear to be affected based on where the economy is going."

Organizers say about six million Canadians will join as many as one billion people in 170 countries worldwide in marking Earth Day today.

"It's when times are tough that you've got to really show that you're willing to adjust to this kind of lifestyle," said Toronto resident Miranda Fong. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Survey says

- 21 per cent worry government and businesses are buckling under fiscal pressure when it comes to making green choices.
- 37 per cent said the bad economy is having no impact on their eco-friendly choices.
- 71 per cent said Earth Day remains important, but almost one-quarter believe the event has outlived its usefulness.

Judge modifies auto parts ruling again

DISPUTE An Ontario court has again modified its ruling in an ongoing dispute between an auto supplier and its customers, asking them to pay more for an inventory of parts to protect the supplier, Transcast Precision, should its struggling customers file for bankruptcy protection.

Ontario Superior Court Justice Alexandra Hoy initially ruled that Chrysler, General Motors, Magna International, New Process Gear and Gates Canada should pay the original price into security at the court until it is determined who legally owns the parts.

She later issued a modified ruling that the parties should pay 1.75 times the original price, and modified that ruling again late last week, asking the parties to pay twice the original price until the matter is resolved. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Frank D'Angelo was acquitted yesterday at 361 University Courthouse on charges of sexual assault against a 22-year-old woman. He was joined by his lawyer Gary Clewley after the decision.

D'Angelo acquitted

COURTS A former beer magnate was acquitted yesterday by a judge who said he is "probably" guilty of sexual assault but that conflicting and equally credible testimony left him with reasonable doubt.

The now 22-year-old woman accused Frank D'Angelo of grabbing her, stripping her and forcing her to have sex in a hotel room in June 2007.

D'Angelo, the former owner of Steelback Brewery who turns 50 this week, maintained the sex with his longtime friend's daughter was consensual.

Yesterday, Justice John Hamilton said there was little evidence for him to consider other than the two stories. While Hamilton said he found the evidence of D'Angelo and his accuser credible, he added "at most, he may be or probably is guilty."

"But I am left with a reasonable doubt on the totality of the evidence and so he is acquitted," Hamilton said.

Outside court D'Angelo's lawyer, Gary Clewley, dismissed the judge's comment and stressed that his client had been acquitted.

Court heard that the woman from Aurora, Ont., met D'Angelo for lunch in hopes of landing a job as an events co-ordinator at the Steelback Grand Prix. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cop charged with fraud
A St. John's, N.L., RCMP officer is facing seven fraud charges after the police force conducted an internal review into government credit card spending between June 2006 and May 2007. Cpl. Donald Perrett was charged with seven counts of fraud under $5,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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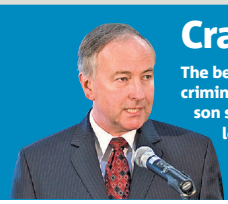

Cracking down on crime

The best way to fight gangs and organized crime is to disrupt the criminal enterprises they depend on, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said yesterday as the Tory government introduced legislation to crack down on the $1-billion-a-year auto-theft industry. Nicholson made the announcement in Montreal — Canada's stolen vehicle capital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tamils rally in Ottawa

Protest on Parliament Hill draws roughly 33,000 supporters

Tamil protesters packed the front lawn of Parliament in one of the largest demonstrations in years to demand the Canadian government pressure Sri Lanka to end a military assault in their homeland.

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A protester and her family join thousands of other Tamils on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday to ask for the Canadian government to intervene in what they are calling a genocide in Sri Lanka.

The RCMP said there were at least 33,000 Tamil supporters assembled on the lawns in front of the Peace Tower. The size of the demonstration prompted some MPs to acknowledge the protesters for the first time in two weeks.

Highways into the capital were choked with buses and cars ferrying Tamil supporters onto the Hill early yesterday. Their numbers grew throughout the day.

Entire families, from grandmothers to babies in strollers draped in plastic to ward off rain, pulled out of school and work to stand together at the demonstration. Protesters beat drums, chanted, and marched in a procession of foam crosses and coffins amid a steady drizzle.

The demonstrators want Canada to do more to force the Sri Lankan government to end its offensive against the last stronghold of the Tamil Tigers.

The offensive has reportedly killed thousands of civilians, although casualty figures are impossible to verify because the government has barred reporters from entering the war zone.

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Jamaican hijack heroes trained by Canadians

JAMAICA Canadian-trained Jamaican military commandos pulled a CanJet co-pilot through an open cockpit window before they climbed in themselves, poised to put a bloodless end to the overnight hijacking drama aboard Flight 918.

More details emerged yesterday about what happened in Montego Bay, Jamaica, during the final moments of the ordeal, which began with 167 passengers and crew being held hostage and ended peacefully with the arrest of their Jamaican captor.

Once inside, members of the Jamaican Defence Force – trained in Canada by Canadian Forces members – lay in wait for the gunman.

"At about 7 o'clock ... the operation was carried out to disarm him, overpower him, and free the crew," said Jamaican National Security Minister Dwight Nelson. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

REPORT A new report says the federal government needs to do much more to assist the aging population, including beefing up pension, old age assistance and compassionate care benefits.

APPEAL Federal Court will hear an appeal in the case of the first female U.S. soldier who fled to Canada to avoid fighting in Iraq. Kimberly Rivera's request to stay in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds was rejected in January. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Water strategy called into question

Environment commissioner Scott Vaughan says the Tory government has made negligible progress on a national water strategy, promised more than two years ago. Vaughan said Ottawa has made plenty of announcements, but hasn't yet followed up with enough action to merit an audit by his office. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google defends Street View

TECHNOLOGY The chief financial officer of Google Inc. insists people love the company's Street View despite the privacy concerns surrounding the technology.

Street View uses a special 360-degree camera installed on the roof of a vehicle and was created to give users the ability to virtually roam the streets of urban centres, downtown cores, tourist attractions, commercial centres and neighbourhoods.

The Canadian version of Street View is expected to be launched in several cities in the coming weeks.

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News in brief

FLOODING Flood water is receding across most of Manitoba, but officials say it will take weeks for it to disappear. Forecasters say wind and rain are now the only threats for much of the province.

INQUIRY A police Taser expert who analyzed the unit used on Robert Dziekanski says his department no longer uses the electric stun guns on its own officers in training.

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'I don't know why you've done this to my family'

Tori Stafford's mother said yesterday she hopes a guilty conscience drives her daughter's abductor to let the eight-year-old girl go and had a direct message for whoever has hurt her family.

"I don't know why you've done this to my family," Tara McDonald said outside her small, Woodstock, Ont., home. "I don't understand, but just let her go. She doesn't deserve this. We don't deserve this."

Victoria Stafford

McDonald said she hopes that the "guilt just eats" at Tori's abductors.

"Honestly, I hope that they see the pain and agony that they are causing my family."

After nearly two weeks of an apparently fruitless search of the city of Woodstock for the bright and bubbly little girl, her frustrated mother hopes the search area will be expanded.

"I want it to start going elsewhere," McDonald said. "Who would be stupid enough to keep her in this small community?"

Provincial and local police have scoured the city of about 35,000 since April 8 for the missing girl with door-to-door canvasses, searches of lakes and even the landfill.

But they have come up empty-handed. Not only have they not found Tori, no physical evidence of the girl or whoever took her has turned up at all. Police are treating the case as an abduction.

The only tangible lead police have discussed publicly is surveillance video showing Tori walking with an unidentified woman near her school the day she disappeared.

Police have said they have "pretty substantial direction" regarding the woman's identity, but declined to divulge more details.

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Victoria Stafford's mother, Tara McDonald, speaks to reporters yesterday as partner James Gorris announces from the doorway that she was finished with questions for the day. Wednesday marks two weeks since eight-year-old Victoria, nicknamed Tori, failed to return home from school in Woodstock, Ont.

Politicians question RCMP Taser-use policy

OTTAWA Members of a parliamentary committee have accused the RCMP of loosening rules on the repeated zapping of suspects with a Taser.

Opposition MPs on the Commons public safety committee grilled RCMP Commissioner William Elliott yesterday.

They asked why the force dropped a written warning not to fire Tasers repeatedly unless the situation demands it.

William Elliott

Elliott told the committee there is no simple prescription for using the weapon. But he insisted that overall, the new Taser policy is more restrictive than before.

"I wish that all of this was simple," he said. "But it is not simple."

He said officers are taught that any use of force must be necessary and reasonable.

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Horse deaths investigated
Florida authorities have begun a criminal investigation into the deaths of 21 polo horses from a Venezuelan-owned team preparing to play a match over the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Some love for Canada

Some Connecticut legislators want the state to honour its neighbour to the north, and they're not talking about Massachusetts. The state senate has unanimously approved a bill that would establish June 24 each year as Canadian-American Day in Connecticut. It now goes to the state house for a vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tamil rebels say 1,000 civilians died in army raid

COLOMBO Sri Lanka's Tamil rebels said yesterday that 1,000 civilians died in a government raid on their territory that the military says freed thousands of noncombatants from the war zone. The military denied the accusation.

Government forces say they rescued thousands of civilians Monday after they broke through a barrier built by the rebels to protect their territory. By Tuesday evening, the military said some 52,000 had escaped.

Thousands of civilians also took to the sea, packing onto small boats to flee the coastal strip of land that the military has backed the rebels into. Naval boats patrolled the waters, pulling those fleeing aboard their own vessels before transporting them to camps, where Tamils who have escaped the war are being held. On Monday, more than 2,000 people in about 100 boats were picked up.

Rights groups say the rebels are holding many against their will to use as human shields. But those groups have also accused the government of indiscriminate shelling in the tightly packed region in its bid to end the 25-year war. Both sides deny the allegations against them.

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A Sri Lankan government soldier carries a child as civilians leave the last sliver of land held by the rebels near Putumattalan, Sri Lanka, in this image taken from TV footage.

9/11 myth resurfaces

A diplomatic skirmish broke out yesterday over suggestions by Janet Napolitano, the U.S. homeland security secretary, that terrorists have routinely entered the U.S. through Canada, including the perpetrators of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Napolitano's remarks in a CBC interview earlier this week have angered some Canadians and prompted the normally reserved Canadian ambassador to the United States, Michael Wilson, to forcefully set the record straight.

As the keynote speaker at the Border Trade Alliance meeting in Washington, Wilson said he was "frustrated" that the 9/11 myth has resurfaced once again, almost eight years after the terrorist attacks.

"Unfortunately, misconceptions arise on something as fundamental as where the 9/11 terrorists came from," Wilson said.

"As the 9/11 commission reported in 2004, all of the 9/11 terrorists arrived in the United States from outside North America. They flew to major U.S. airports. They entered the U.S. with documents issued by the United States government and no 9/11 terrorists came from Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gun found at home of murder suspect

CRAIGSLIST Prosecutors said yesterday they found a semiautomatic weapon at the home of a Boston medical student who has been ordered held without bail on charges he shot to death a masseuse he had lured to a hotel through Craigslist.

Philip Markoff said nothing during the brief hearing in Boston Municipal Court.

Authorities said they followed a computer trail to Markoff, linking an account used to set up appointments on Craigslist with two women.

Markoff, a second-year Boston University medical student, is charged with murder in the death of Julissa Brisman of New York City and kidnapping and armed robbery in the other assault.

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Iraq war unconstitutional?

Opponents of the Iraq war say former U.S. president George W. Bush overstepped his authority when the United States invaded Iraq in 2003. A veteran and two mothers of soldiers are trying to get the war declared unconstitutional. Their lawyers made arguments in federal court in Newark, N.J. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Declaration signed, harsh words for Obama

Over 100 countries agree to combat racism, intolerance at UN global conference

More than 100 countries have agreed on a declaration to combat racism and related forms of intolerance worldwide.

The United States was not among them, prompting sharp criticism from African-American groups participating in the UN's second global conference on racism.

Canada also stayed away from the conference in Geneva, as did Germany, Italy, Poland, Australia, New Zealand and the Netherlands.

The 143-point declaration is a broad call to fight racism and discrimination against minorities.

It also warns against stereotyping people because of their religion, a key demand of Islamic states who say Muslims have been unfairly targeted for their beliefs since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States.

"The boycott of the Obama administration both saddens us and angers us," said Jaribu Hill, executive director of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights. "We will not let Mr. Obama off the hook simply because he stands inside black skin, or because his campaign served to energize and inspire thousands of young people and people of colour, and those who have historically been locked out," she said.

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Leona Helmsley and her dog Trouble photographed in her Park Lane Hotel apartment in New York in 2003.

Baroness' dogs lose, but charities win big

Trustees of real estate baroness Leona Helmsley's estate say they're giving $136 million to charity — with just $1 million going to the dogs.

Helmsley's estate announced 53 charitable grants yesterday, the bulk of which went to New York City hospitals and medical research. The largest grant, $40 million, went to a digestive diseases centre at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, while $35 million went to start two research facilities in Helmsley's name at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

Request

- The hotel queen's will had named her dog, Trouble, as a beneficiary.

The estate for Helmsley — who died in 2007 at age 87 — divided $1 million equally to 10 animal rights charities, including the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Animal rights groups rejoiced last year at public reports that Helmsley specified in her will that her multibillion-dollar hotel and real estate empire should go entirely to dog-related charities.

But a surrogate court judge ruled in February trustees for the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust had sole authority to decide which charities benefit from her estate.

"Throughout their lives, the Helmsleys were committed to helping others through the innovations of medical research of responding to those in need during critical times and in other areas," the trustees said in a statement yesterday. "We now have the privilege of continuing their good works by providing support where it will make a difference."

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News in brief

KABUL The Afghan government has held "good discussions" with Taliban militants as it seeks a way to end an increasingly bloody insurgency against Afghan and foreign forces, an official said yesterday. No specifics on progress made was offered.

DEATHS Four people found dead in a hotel room near Baltimore were members of a New York family, police said yesterday, and they continued to investigate the case as a murder-suicide. Autopsies were planned yesterday.

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Swine flu in humans
U.S. authorities are investigating two cases of swine flu in children in California who had no contact with pigs or with each other. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bush aides warned

'Torture lawyers' could face prosecution

President Barack Obama said yesterday the U.S. lost "our moral bearings" with gruesome terror-suspect interrogations and he left the door open to prosecuting Bush administration officials who vouched for their legality.

Obama said the question of whether to bring charges "is going to be more of a decision for the attorney general." Obama had said earlier that he didn't want to see prosecutions of CIA agents and interrogators who took part in harsh interrogation tactics, so long as they acted within parameters spelled out by government superiors who held that such practices were legal at the time.

Barack Obama

But the administration's stance on Bush administration lawyers who actually wrote the memos approving these tactics has been less clear.

The president ordered the release last week of top-secret Bush-era memos that gave the government's first full accounting of the CIA's use of simulated drowning and other harsh methods while questioning terror suspects.

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Miss Earth **Philippines pageant goes green**

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Candidates for the 2009 Miss Philippines Earth beauty pageant display placards urging ways to save Mother Earth during media presentation in Manila, Philippines, yesterday. A total 50 Filipino beauties are vying for this year's title in a unique contest with a goal to save Mother Earth.

British taxi rapist jailed for 8 years

CABBIE A British court has sentenced London taxi driver John Worboys to a minimum of eight years in prison after he was convicted of drugging and sexually assaulting a dozen female passengers.

Prosecutors said the 51-year-old black-cab driver targeted women who had been out late and drinking over 18 months before his arrest in February.

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Kenyan villagers clash with criminal gang, killing 28

BANNED Villagers in central Kenya clashed with a criminal gang using machetes, axes and clubs, killing at least 28 people and leaving streets stained with blood, police said yesterday.

Residents near the town of Karatina fought Mungiki members overnight because the gang had been extorting money from them, police said.

The Mungiki emerged in the 1990s, inspired by the 1950s Mau Mau rebellion against British colonial rule, and the gang has been linked to extortion, murder and political violence. The banned group is believed to have thousands of followers, drawn from the Kikuyu, Kenya's largest tribe and the dominant force in the country's politics and business.

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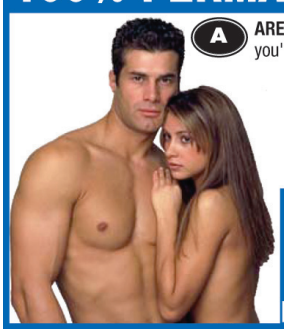

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Lose weight, save planet

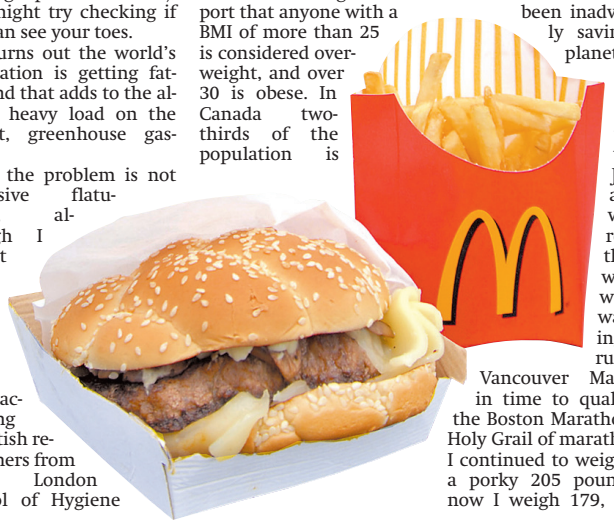
TheWestView

Happy Earth Day. If you're looking for something useful to do today (other than picking up a free coffee), you might try checking if you can see your toes.

It turns out the world's population is getting fatter, and that adds to the already heavy load on the planet, greenhouse gas-wise.

No, the problem is not excessive flatulence, although I expect that doesn't help. The problem, according to British researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, is the fatter we get, the more likely we are to use our cars to get around and the more fuel those cars have to burn to haul our sorry butts around.

There is no doubt the species is increasing in bulk. Between 1994 and 2004 in England, the average body mass index (BMI) increased from 26 to 27.3 for men and 25.8 to 26.9 for women. I regret to report that anyone with a BMI of more than 25 is considered overweight, and over 30 is obese. In Canada two-thirds of the population is overweight and one-quarter is obese. South of the border, birthplace of the Big Mac, 40 per cent are obese.



The British researchers estimate one billion lean people will emit one billion fewer tonnes of carbon dioxide a year than one billion fat people.

So how's that for an incentive? Lose weight; save the planet.

I confess I've already been inadvertently saving the planet. I started losing weight this January when I realized there was no way I was going to run the Vancouver Marathon in time to qualify for the Boston Marathon, the Holy Grail of marathons, if I continued to weigh in at a porky 205 pounds. So now I weigh 179, with a BMI of 24.3. Mother Earth has yet to send me a thank-you card even though I check the mail every day, but I guess she's pretty busy shouldering the increased load.

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OK, maybe she won't notice the reduction, but you've got to start somewhere. I have to admit I haven't felt this, uh, bouncy in years. It may not be enough to beat four hours in the marathon on May 3, which is what I need to do to qualify for Boston, but lumbering around the streets of Vancouver for 26 miles at 205 pounds is no fun. For so many reasons, light is right.

So Canada, I dare you. Take the challenge: Look down. No toes? Then it's time to get off the couch, get out of the car, and put one foot in front of the other. Take a load off Mother Earth … and yourself.

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Worth mentioning

Mounting e-waste a growing concern

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Reduce, reuse and recycle can be environmentally challenging when it comes to a growing mountain of discarded consumer electronics created by the quest for all the latest gadgets.

More than 140,000 tonnes of electronic waste end up in Canadian landfill sites every year, says Jed Goldberg, president of Earth Day Canada.

Unfortunately, a lot of consumers don't know what to do with their discarded TVs, computers and video game consoles, he said from Toronto.

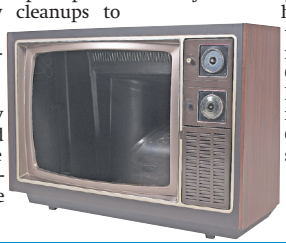
Part of Earth Day Canada's mission is to help Canadians lessen their impact on it. Canadian communities planned hundreds of events to celebrate Earth Day today — everything from e-waste pickups and community cleanups to festivals and lectures.

Both Earth Day Canada and Greenpeace support so-called "take back" programs, in which retailers and especially manufacturers take back devices to have them recycled.

"In the end, it has to be the producer that takes responsibility for recycling," said Iza Kruszewska of U.K.-based Greenpeace International's toxics campaign.

She said most of the top personal computer makers, such as Apple, Dell, HP, Lenovo and Acer, have committed to eliminating toxic chemicals, although Apple has moved more quickly than the others.

TVs are a "huge, huge problem" because they are heavy and bulky and they have cadmium and mercury. Older sets have lead in them, Goldberg said.



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Word on the street: In celebration of Earth Day, what's the biggest lifestyle change you've made to help the environment?

Cameron MacQuarrie
age 23, Toronto
A: I don't use water bottles anymore. I use my reusable Nalgene bottle.

Jef Bradshaw
age 22, Toronto
A: Biking … But it's not just one choice, it's about constantly being aware. I'm an activist for Greenpeace.

Adam Travis
age 25, Toronto
A: We upgraded to a high-efficiency furnace and air conditioner.

Carolyn Slade
Halifax
A: I'm trying to remember each day to drive less … even a little bit is going to make a difference.

Samantha Stricker
age 25, Vancouver
A: The biggest change I made was selling my car. I use transit, my roller-blades or I'll walk.

Ambrosia MacDonald
age 32, Edmonton
A: We recycle everything. We only throw away one bag of trash every two weeks.

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Brock launches new ad campaign

Brock University is running a print and online marketing campaign in support of its $75-million Bold New Brock capital campaign. The advertising initiative launched with an ad on the back cover of Maclean's 2009 Guide to Canadian Universities. The ad depicts a split-image of a Brock biological sciences student, with one half touting his academic credentials and the other showing a painting of him playing the saxophone. The tagline reads: "For both sides of the brain." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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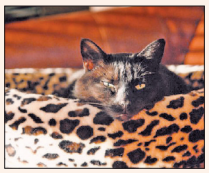

Here's Ziggy the seven-year-old Bermese.

This is Chewbacca, acting all crazy.

Here's Cessena, who's been sick for a long time, but recently celebrated being 10.

Here's Bronte, making friends with a groundhog.

Pet store a labour of love

Cabbagetown shop's owner aims to keep customers and workers happy

Paws and **Claws**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

While franchise heavyweights have come and gone, Menagerie Pet Shop in Toronto has kept growing and defying the odds for almost three decades.

The independently owned store which spans three storefronts at 549-553 Parliament St. has been a Cabbagetown staple for the last 29 years in a success story that surprises even its owner.

Menagerie owner Garen Yaghejian, 49, says he started the shop in 1980 as a labour of love when he was just 20, hoping at best to keep the store afloat for a while.

"I was a grade nine dropout who just loved animals. Menagerie started as a fun thing and then grew and grew and grew," Yaghejian said.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, to Armenian parents, Yaghejian grew up learning about animals from his dad who bred a variety of pets as a hobby.

Yaghejian bought the store's location and left-over stock from a previous owner in 1980, re-branding the shop and spending every last dime he had on renovations. Menagerie's first incarnation was a tiny 350-square-foot space but grew with its success to take over the two larger adjoining storefronts and expand to nine or ten times its starting size today.

While he has no secrets as to why the store has prospered for all these years, particularly in the face of stiff competition from larger pet store franchises, Yaghejian suspects it may have something to do with his focus on customer service.

"We've kept up with the big chains that have come through here over the years. I think it's because we treat people right and we don't give people a hard time when they bring pets back," he said.

Another likely reason for the store's success could be Yaghejian's philosophy of listening closely to customer feedback to decide what to put on shelves.

"Customers dictate to us what they want so over the years we've listened and gotten the products that work for them," Yaghejian said.

Keeping staff happy has always been a priority for Yaghejian who insists on paying his workers well in order to keep them motivated, despite the financial challenges of running a pet store.

"The costs of doing business are very high and they keep going up. You have to run a lean operation to survive but you also have to find a decent balance. You can't just pay people seven or eight dollars an hour and expect everything to get done correctly," Yaghejian said.

Though the world of business can be challenging and often feel gloomy, Yaghejian says the best medicine is integrity, fairness and the occasional smile.

"You've got to have a positive outlook. Be honest and don't hesitate to treat customers fairly and your staff well," he said.

RAFAEL BRUSILOW/FOR METRO CANADA

A staff member helps customers at the Menagerie Pet Shop. The store's owner Garen Yaghejian says that listening to customer feedback has help the independent story thrive against the larger pet store franchises.

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A certain type of person prefers the cold comfort of a reptile over the warm affection of a puppy dog. Grant Crossman is one such person — he runs the travelling Ontario Reptile and Exotic Pet Expo and owns a menagerie of cold-blooded creatures, including a green-tree python.

The snake has no name — at least, none Crossman knows of — and that's okay with him. Unlike mainstream pets, reptiles and other exotics are not bred to love you.

"Interaction is going to be limited," he dryly notes.

What they lack in intimacy, they make up for in longevity. You and your box turtle are going to be living together for 30 to 40 years. Snakes have lived 40-plus years in captivity. On average, you're looking at a 25-year commitment for a reptile/exotic pet.

"You don't get the impulse purchases," Crossman notes, adding that it's an expensive hobby, too. "The animal might cost you $100, but guaranteed the minimal set up is about $400."

Crossman has lived around snakes, lizards, amphibians, turtles, tortoises, birds and "pocket pets" for a long time, and has tips for those considering inviting a slithering creature home.

Can you provide the space? This can be tricky if you rent. "Reptiles are always on the bottom of the chain of respect and support," he says, cautioning that many landlords won't allow them.

Feeding is easier than it used to be, thanks to "mousicles." "Everything is conditioned to be fed frozen-thawed rodents, so you're not having to go grab Hammy the hamster and throw it in."

The average customer at the expo is a serious hobbyist, male or female, between the ages of 25 and 40.

"You don't get the stereotypes of long-haired and tattooed and young teenagers buying this stuff because it's gone from 20 years ago, when the big item was a $20 iguana, to now, with $100 to $200 animals," he said.

The focus on the expo is education, not selling. "We expanded it into the world of framed insects, because it's a real novelty item. Insects and reptiles go hand in hand: one's a feeder and the other one isn't."

Many municipalities adopted Toronto's rules on exotic pet ownership. That means snakes no longer than three metres, lizards must be under two metres and no venomous animals.

For more of the Paws and Claws exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by:
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Portuguese water dogs helping science

ANDRÉ BARBOSA
Metro World News

RESEARCH The water dog — a Portuguese breed famously chosen by the U.S. first family as their pet — is the most studied in the world and as a result, has given many clues concerning several diseases.

Not only is this breed of dogs hypoallergenic, and so harmless to owners like Malia Obama — the U.S. president's eldest daughter — who suffer from an allergy to fur, but scientists also expect to extract from the dogs' genes the answers to diseases like cancer, osteoarthritis and hypothyroidism.

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Portuguese water dogs like Bo, could help scientists uncover new discoveries to better understand variety of diseases.

The scientists working on the effort are from the Georgie Project at Utah University. The main researcher, Kevin Chase, explained to Metro why the Portuguese water dogs are so special to science.

"They belong to a very unique population that passed through the bottleneck," Chase said. "All dogs in our day come from an initial group of around 30 animals.

"When we look to the water dogs' genetic markers, they separate into a few big groups instead of many small ones. If they had separated into many small groups, we would not be able to see the effect of genes so easily."

This Portuguese breed of dog has given clues about "the genetic control of size and shape, a locus for osteoarthritis, for hip dysplasia and also for Addison disease, which suggests this is an autoimmune illness."

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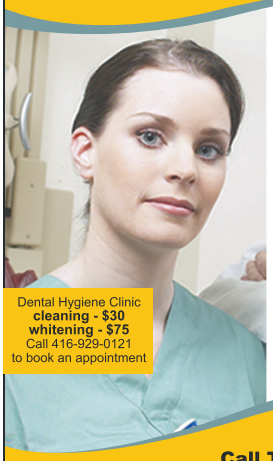

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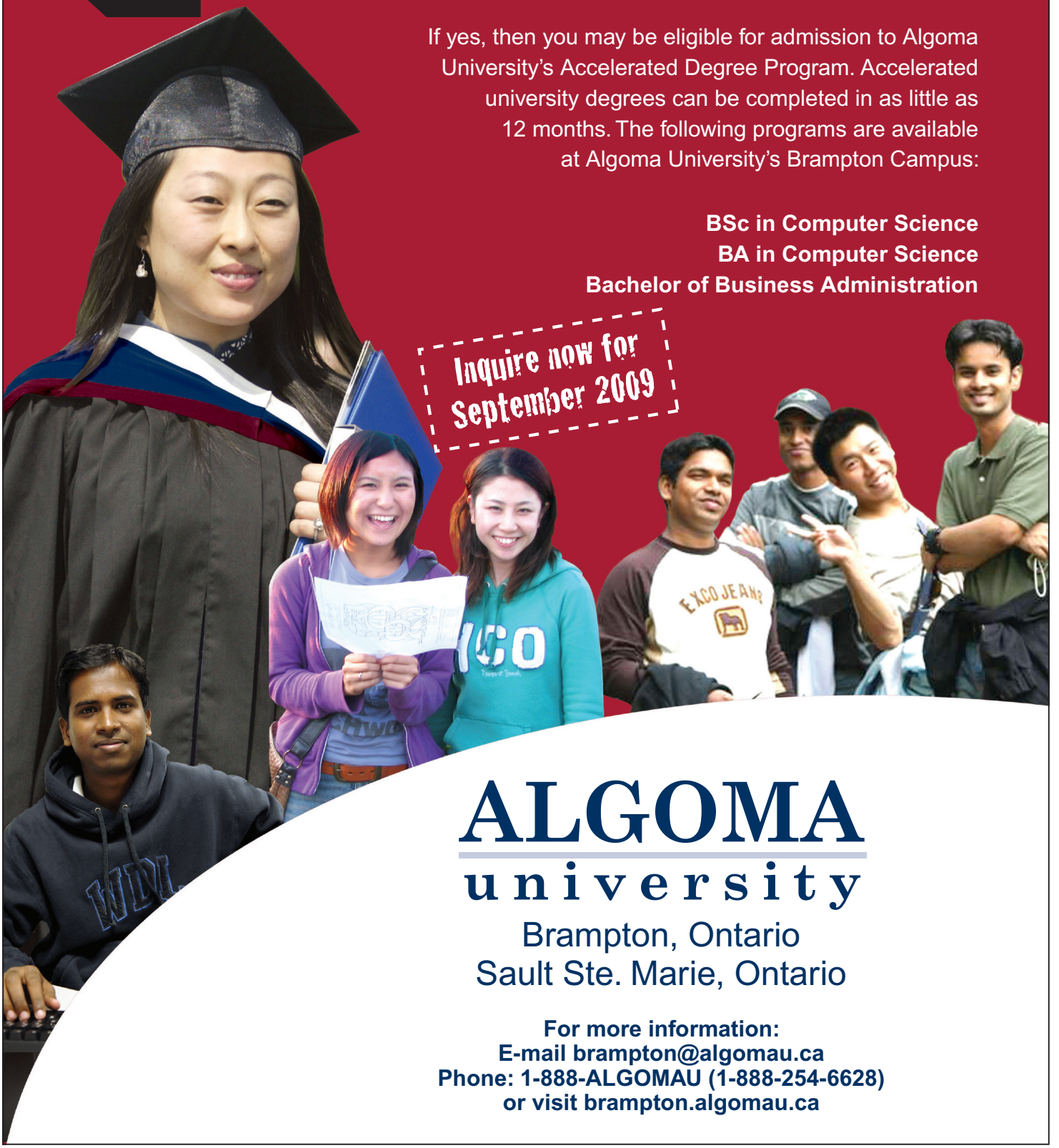

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Guelph's agricultural college making changes

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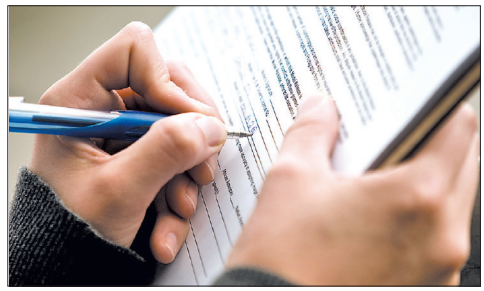

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If a company tries to significantly change aspects of your employment contract you may be able to take legal action.

They have tightened budgets through dismissals, temporary layoffs and reduced hours, and by slashing more generous terms of compensation. Some employees will resist these changes, and our courts are increasingly asked to intervene. As an Ontario court recently ruled, while employees have no legal entitlement to continued employment, they do retain some basic rights.

Just promoted, Darrell Wronko had negotiated a new contract promising him two years' severance if he was fired. His elation was short-lived. Shortly after signing the contract, his employer, Western Inventory Service Ltd., hired a new president who determined Wronko's contract had to be changed.

Considering Wronko to have negotiated a "sweetheart" deal for himself, Western's president sent him new contract that provided him with only seven months' severance. Relying on his current contract, Wronko refused to sign. As Wronko saw it, he had a deal and that deal could only be changed with his consent. In response, the president then sent Wronko a memo advising him that in two years' time, his contract would be changed.

Two years later, Wronko received a new contract and an email advising him to either accept its revised terms or he would not have a job for him anymore. Wronko treated Western's ultimatum as though he had been terminated and sued for the original two years' severance that he had negotiated.

At trial, the court ruled that Western had a right to vary the terms of his contract by providing him with sufficient notice. If Wronko could be fired with two years' notice, then Western could amend his contract by providing him with an advance warning consisting of that same amount of time.

Wronko appealed the decision, and recently he succeeded. Western had to provide him with the ultimatum that he would lose his job right from the start; otherwise, it could not be given credit for the two years' notice it gave him.

The Court of Appeal's judgment may be a sign of the times. Employers cannot adapt to new economic constraints at the expense of fundamental employee rights. The lessons for employees are clear:

- Once your employment commences, you have the option to reject any significant changes your employer wishes to introduce.
- Protest changes to your job in writing and insist on adherence to the original terms of your contract.
- Seek legal advice as soon as notice of the change is given.
- Take notes of important conversations. In Wronko's trial, the Court preferred his version of the events because he had made notes after disputed conversations.

Go to metronew.ca for the full version of the story.

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EARTH DAY CANADA

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Message from Metro CEO Per Mikael Jensen

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There are things that only the world's global newspaper can do. Go Green is a great example and Metro is proud to embrace such a huge cause.

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Additionally, we've begun to explore cycling distribution and test pilot programs to increase our reach without printing more copies.

In addition to our internal and corporate efforts to be greener, as a mass media outlet, Metro can use its powerful reach to pull together our readers' will to be green into real action by providing resources, information and communities that encourage a greener world. And our readers are ready to Go Green from across Canada, to Santiago, to New York, to Prague; Metro will be the booster.

Today's special edition is the first step.

Join us. Go Green with Metro and feel free to join the Facebook group of the same name.

KIND REGARDS,
PER MIKAEL JENSEN
CEO, METRO INTERNATIONAL

How nature can inspire design

Nature has always inspired mankind. Leonardo Da Vinci and the Wright brothers looked at birds in flight to inspire their flying devices.

In the same way, Swiss inventor George de Mestral created Velcro in 1948 by analyzing the burrs stuck to his pants and to his dog's fur after a walk in the countryside.

Today, this science has a name: Biomimicry, a word coined by American researcher Janine Benyus, who published, Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature in 1997.

"Biomimicry, or biomimetics, is all about looking to nature for inspiration and borrowing nature's blueprints, its chemical recipes and ecosystem strategies," says Benyus.

"The natural world is full of hints on how to manufacture in life-friendly ways."
Researcher Janine Benyus

"Why reinvent the wheel when we have optimal solutions in nature that have benefited from 3.8 billion years of field testing and natural selection?"

This idea actually appeals more and more to companies that are trying to find solutions to problems nature has been dealing with since the dawn of life, such as minimizing energy use and manufacturing without toxins.

"The natural world is full of hints on how to manufacture in life-friendly ways," says Benyus.

Nature is full of examples of adaptation, so "when we now talk about the extinction spasm, we're talking about losing wisdom, ideas that we would not normally have thought of," says Benyus.

We can no longer take this wealth for granted. That's why the Biomimicry Institute has initiated a program called Innovation Through Conservation, asking companies to donate a percentage of their proceeds to conserve the habitat of the species they took inspiration from.

Biomimicry proves once more that the loss of biodiversity is a lot more than an animal lover issue.

NADIA LODDO
METRO WORLD NEWS
IN PARIS

Vin-ners and losers

The changing face of wine regions

USA and Canada:
California may become too hot and too dry to produce quality wine. The same goes for Yakima Valley in Washington. The East Coast looks as if it could benefit. The same goes for British Columbia and it's Okanagan Valley.

South Americas:
Both Chile and Argentina are considered winners. The cooler sea currents in the southern hemisphere will be to their advantage, and wine growers such as the well-known Miguel Torres from Spain are buying land here.

Africa:
South Africa looks as if it will suffer less from global warming than most places. However, wine growers are looking to move to the mountains.

Australia, New Zealand:
Many districts are becoming too hot and too dry. Some of the wine growers are moving to mountainous Tasmania where the climate is cooler. In New Zealand, Central Otago on the South Island could become the world's possibly southernmost wine district.

Europe:
The warmest places are in trouble. Spain and Portugal are predicted to be those most likely to suffer. Major wine growers such as Miguel Torres in Spain are moving into the Pyrenees. In districts already affected, growers contemplate exchanging the Tempranillo with other grapes more suited to warmer climates. Italy, too, is suffering, especially places in the south like Sicily. Some local experts advocate irrigation, which is now banned, to save vineyards in Tuscany for instance. In France, it looks as if the west and the south will be affected the most. Growers are moving into higher regions, when possible, or buying land in other countries. For instance, winemakers from the famous Champagne District in France are moving across the English Channel, buying into the chalky regions of southern England. The British Isles are basking in the sun, winemakers are multiplying, the same goes for the amount of land taken up by vineyards. Southern England could be the Champagne District of the future, some experts predict.

Other countries:
Denmark, Sweden, Finland and other countries around the Baltic Sea have so far only had amateur enthusiasts involved in winemaking. But now it is becoming commercial, with some of the wines actually exported to buyers in other countries. However, these countries will possibly still be too cool for large productions, rather they will produce interesting quality wine in small amounts.

Asia:
As surprising as it may seem, China is already the seventh largest wine producing country in the world. And some experts have their eyes on an area northwest of Beijing as one of the most promising — wines from here are already winning prizes at international fairs. So get used to names like Changyu, Dragon Seal, Great Wall or Dynasty.

SOURCES: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CLIMATOLOGIST GREGORY JONES

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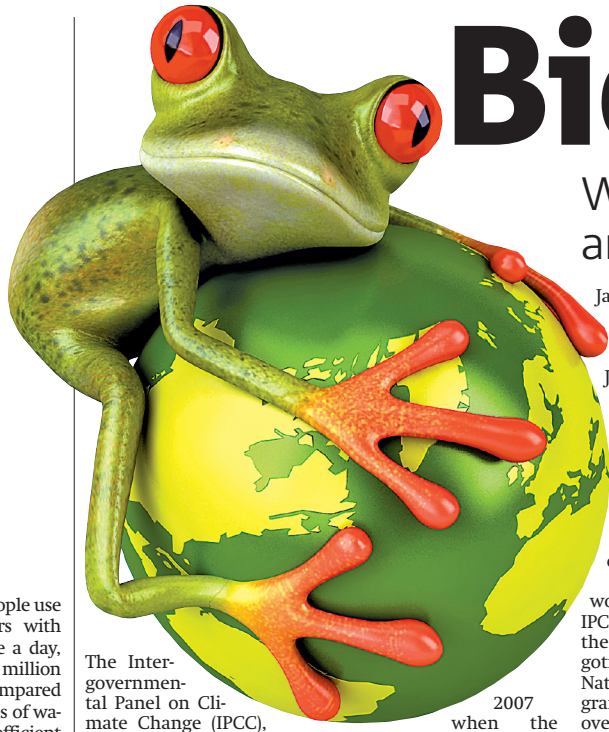

Bio bias

World moves toward an IPCC in biodiversity

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the scientific body created by the United Nations to evaluate the risk of climate change, has shown how strong an influence scientists all over the world can have on politicians and public opinion when they speak with one voice. This was proven once again in 2007 when the IPCC shared the Nobel Peace Prize with former U.S. vice-president Al Gore, nearly 20 years after its birth.

But what about biodiversity? The lack of recognized scientific expertise in a field just as vital as climate was underlined in January 2005 at an international meeting in Paris by the then-French president Jacques Chirac. Over the past four years, the idea has progressed, and the creation of what will be called the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) is now only a question of time.

"The IPBES should work more or less like the IPCC," says Didier Babin, the researcher who led negotiations until the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) officially took over the project in February.

Just as the IPCC (which is composed of more than 2,000 scientists worldwide), the IPBES will not carry out research, but will be tasked to publish special reports that gather state-of-the-art studies conducted by recognized scientists around the world. Its main objective is to bring about common indicators that will have an international scope and work as a bridge between the distant worlds of science and politics to make action ... and fast.

"IPCC and IPBES will probably also work together," says Babin, as there are structural links between biodiversity and climate change.

"Think about the rain forests that are immense carbon reservoirs and at the same time among the globe's major biodiversity hot spots."

IPBES will certainly have a lot to do in the next few years. A lot of hope is laid in this new panel that should be officially opened in 2010, during what the UN has already labelled the "year of biodiversity."

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METRO WORLD NEWS
IN PARIS

Greetings, Earthlings

Founder of Earth Day comes clean on being green

Denis Hayes is the man who made Earth Day a world phenomenon. When Earth Day was launched in 1970, Hayes was its first co-ordinator and turned the environmental day into a series of events attended by 20 million Americans. Twenty years later, Hayes launched the first international Earth Day. Result: 200 million participants in 141 countries. Today, he heads Earth Day Network, which co-ordinates Earth Day activities around the world.

Dennis Hayes speaking at the first Earth Day event in 1970.

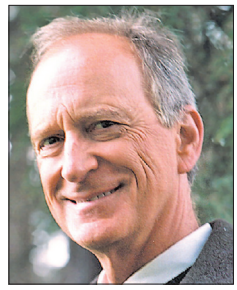
Can the world become greener through a one-day event?
Of course not! We have no illusions about that. What we were doing in 1970 was to get people from very different quarters to act together on problems like lead paint and highway construction. Today, too, people have to recognize that environmental problems don't stop at borders. We should start thinking of ourselves as one species.

Has the world become greener since 1970?
The United States has become substantially cleaner. We've cleaned up rivers and lakes and saved endangered species. But the world is in poorer shape than it was in 1970, in almost every aspect.

"In 1970, most people didn't think about the environment."

What is Earth Day's biggest accomplishment?
1970 to '74 was the golden era. We passed the environmental laws on which society still operates. Since then its biggest accomplishment has been getting millions of school children involved. Environmentalism has become a part of society. In 1970, most people didn't even think about the environment. Now, it's part of everyone's vocabulary.

What will the next environmental crisis be?
The growing acidification of the world's oceans. It has devastating effects on the smallest organisms, which will have tragic consequences on the whole food chain, including humans.



What is the most immediate environmental danger today?
Carbon emissions.

What is the most important thing people can do to help the environment?
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Washing in cold water can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions
Use cold water to wash your clothes. If every household in Canada did this, it would reduce approximately 1.5 billion kilograms of greenhouse gas emissions each year. EARTH DAY CANADA

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Canaries in global coal mine

Their are numerous warning signs that global warming is affecting the Earth as we know it.

Here are some examples:

Adélie penguins

Global warming is affecting the Adélie penguin colonies in the Antarctic peninsula. Over the last 50 years, winter temperatures have risen by about 5 C in the peninsula, reducing the amount of pack ice. Pack ice directly affects the availability of algae available for krill, the main staple of the penguin's diet. Without pack ice, there is no algae and no food for krills — a direct repercussion on the penguin's diet. In the last decade, the population of Adélie penguins has declined by almost 50 per cent.

SOURCE: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Bees

Scientist Albert Einstein famously said: "If the bee disappears from the surface of the Earth, man would have no more than four years to live. No more bees, no more pollination … no more men!"

Excessive pesticide use in North America has led to a decline of up to 50 per cent of managed colonies of honeybees.

Crops such as apples, pears and berries depend entirely on pollinators for fruit production.

SOURCE: BUMBLEBEE.ORG

Coral reefs

Coral reefs provide goods and services worth about $375 billion each year — yet the coral ecosystem covers less than one per cent of the Earth's surface.

In fishing, both the food and marine ornamental trade are often caught using cyanide, which stuns fish for easy capture. Cyanide kills the coral and many other coral reef organisms such as coral polyps. Less than half the fish caught with cyanide survive long enough to then be sold to restaurants or aquariums.

SOURCE: PEOPLEANDPLANET.NET

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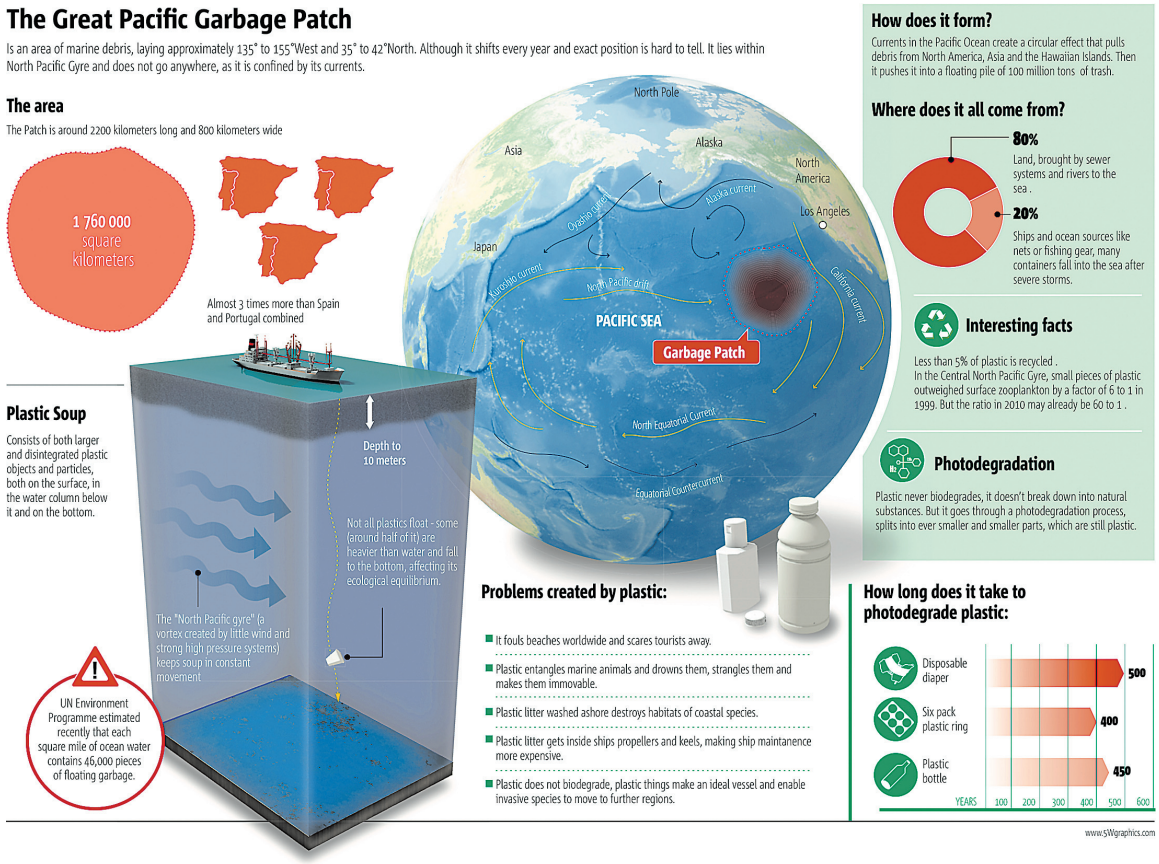

More plastic than plankton

Our oceans are covered in patches of garbage as big as a continent

At the heart of the oceans, areas as big as France, maybe more, are covered in garbage.

The most famous of these is the Great Garbage Patch, discovered in the late 1990s in the North Pacific Ocean between the U.S.A. and Asia. But it seems that another seven similar patches may exist, according to Seattle oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer, one of the first scientists to take interest in the strange routes of plastic trash in the sea.

In his new book, Flotsametrics and the Floating World: How One Man's Obsession with Runaway Sneakers and Rubber Ducks Revolutionized Ocean Science, Ebbesmeyer explains his "science of floating objects," or "flotsametrics."

"From a boat, you start seeing everyday objects like toothbrushes and plastic bags on the outskirts of the vortex."
François Chartier, oceans campaign director at Greenpeace France

By observing trash on beaches, such as Nikes or rubber ducks, he identified several circular currents, or gyres, which, like whirlpools, bring together all the plastic and other solid garbage that ends up in the seas around the world.

Ebbesmeyer says the patches of debris may cover a surface "equivalent to several times the United States."

However, the garbage patches are still unrecognized and neglected because they are basically difficult to see.

"From a boat, you start seeing everyday objects like toothbrushes and plastic bags on the outskirts of the vortex," explains François Chartier, director of the oceans campaign at Greenpeace France, the organization that revealed the existence of the Great Garbage Patch to the media.

"When you approach the centre of the patch, the trash is thicker and some birds have actually started nesting on it."

But from the sky, even from satellites, there is "nothing to be seen," says Ebbesmeyer. "It's like tracking a ghost!"

Invisible plastic? Not really. The fact is that most of the pieces are quite see-through, like plastic bags. Others are fractions of bigger pieces of plastic that have disintegrated into bits as small as plankton.

"In the middle of the patch, there is six times more plastic than plankton," Ebbesmeyer says.

This accumulation of plastic in the oceans is a serious menace for the environment and for human health.

"Dolphins suffocate on plastic bags, birds can die of hunger because their stomach is so full of undigested plastic that they can no longer eat," says Chartier.

But plastic also contains toxins (PCBs, heavy metals) that are harmful to humans and that are assimilated by plankton and other fish, which end up in the ocean's food chain, and, consequently, in your seafood chowder.

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IN PARIS

Composting can cut down on household waste

Composting can reduce your household waste by approximately 50 per cent. Designate a small household container or bucket for your food scraps and dump the contents into your backyard composter or green bin daily. EARTH DAY CANADA

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Look after the planet – and look after yourself

Martin Atkin
WWF International

Most of us see trees, gardens, maybe even some fields or a river during our daily commute. Even in the busiest city, we can enjoy some contact with nature. Whether we live in a great rain forest or an urban apartment, our livelihoods — and our lives — depend on keeping the planet's biodiversity in good shape.

The truth is, we've spent our natural capital like there's no tomorrow and now we're faced with the bill. Just as irresponsible borrowing and spending got us into the present economic recession, so we've been piling up ecological debt by consuming and wasting more and more natural resources. If you think the economy is in bad shape, take a look at the planet.

WWF's Living Planet Report tells us that three-quarters of us live in countries that are ecological debtors — using up resources faster than nature can replace them. If we carry on consuming at our current rate, by 2030 we'll need the equivalent of two planets to maintain our lifestyles. Over the past 35 years alone, we have squandered nearly one-third of the Earth's biodiversity. Not only is this hugely damaging for the environment, but it doesn't make any economic sense. One recent report estimates that forest ecosystems alone are worth around $28 billion a year — and a lot of that money is literally going up in smoke.

"The truth is, we've spent our natural capital like there's no tomorrow and now we're faced with the bill."

As we increasingly worry about jobs and mortgages, we may be tempted to ignore the bigger picture. But Amazon deforestation, hungry polar bears and overfished tuna are a challenge for all of us, because protecting natural resources means better food and water security, better human health and a better chance of fighting climate change.

The good news is — we know what needs to be done and we can afford it. We have a unique opportunity to use the trillions of dollars in stimulus packages to create a green global economy that could lift us out of recession, protect natural resources and tackle global warming. The first step is to agree to a fair, fast and effective global deal on climate change in Copenhagen this December. Then, in 2010 — the International Year of Biodiversity — the UN must lead the rest of the world in taking bold steps to reduce consumption and stop biodiversity loss within 10 years.

Earth Day is a good time to think about our shared responsibility to consume and sustain the planet's natural resources wisely — after all, it's in our own interest.

Small creatures do great things

Worms provide vital services to mankind such as working land ... and fighting against global warming

What would we do without worms?

"When we talk about biodiversity, we never really mention worms," says Denis Loyer, deputy director of the French Development Agency (AFD). "But they actually have an essential role in producing food."

Without worms, there would be no fertile lands. Worms are actually one single long digestive tube. Feeding on organic waste, they end up excreting a powerful natural fertilizer. That's how compost heaps work!

If pesticides can be harmful to these hard-working animals, it is surprising to discover that what is really bad for them is working the land. Worms are killed by birds and by the lack of food, while UVs finish the job by destroying all other microscopic life in the soil.

"The difference is enormous: Where land is laboured, you can find up to 50 kilograms of worms per hectare against two to four tonnes on non-laboured agricultural exploitations," says Loyer. Today, many soils are biologically dead, with no more than one per cent of organic substance.

"When we talk about biodiversity, we never really mention worms." Dennis Loyer

Chemical fertilizers feed plants but do not rebuild the natural capital of soils. Moreover, worms dig tunnels in the land that allow water to penetrate deeply instead of washing away wastefully — or worse, causing floods. This is why a non-laboured agriculture is being hailed as the future solution to feeding the world.

"A project we have in Tunisia shows that the farms are just as efficient, but have reduced costs thanks to less labour and less chemicals. Moreover, in dry countries, stocking water in the soil is very important," adds Loyer. "This kind of agriculture is growing by 15 per cent per year."

That's good news, and not only for worms. As a matter of fact, some climate change experts believe these shy creatures will also be on the front line tackling climate change.

One worm may be like David against the climate Goliath, but spread them around the world, and you get a result that may equal the benefit of stopping deforestation.

How?

"Organic substance is basically carbon, so like trees stock carbon as they grow, increasing the quantity of organic substance in soils will develop their capacity to sequestrate carbon," says Loyer.

And we all know there's no one that can do that better than worms.

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Darwin & worms

• British naturalist Charles Darwin should be remembered for more than his theory on the evolution of the species. The last book he published in 1881 shows how, by many means, he was ahead of his time. With The Formation of Vegetable Mold Through the Action of Worms, he opened the doors of science to a seemly insignificant species: The worm. He had friends and scientists send him samples of worm waste to analyze the benefits of this organic fertilizer. He took his job very seriously and also studied their behaviour — he even played the piano to them to test their hearing. Worms are actually deaf.

Hasek back with Czech team

Dominik Hasek is coming out of retirement to play for his former club in the top Czech league. The 44-year-old goaltender will play next season for HC Moeller Pardubice in the town where he was born and started his career. Hasek will be the oldest player in the league. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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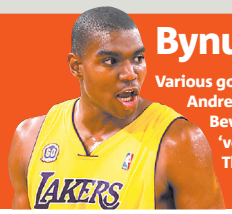

Bynum under Rihanna's umbrella?

Various gossip sites and bloggers are reporting that Los Angeles Lakers centre Andrew Bynum is currently dating singer Rihanna. "The couple dined in Beverly Hills. When they left together, a witness reports that they looked 'very couple-y, sitting real close to each other in the car," said a report on The Big Lead. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Rangers get to Halladay early

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The Texas Rangers put an end to Roy Halladay's perfect start to the season in a game delayed 10 minutes when the barrel of a broken bat struck home plate umpire Kerwin Danley in the side of the head.

Ian Kinsler clubbed a go-ahead, two-run shot in the seventh inning of a 5-4 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays last night. But much of the drama in a terrific game was lost amid concern for Danley, who never lost consciousness but was taken off the field on a stretcher and to hospital for examination.

Adam Lind's RBI single in the eighth off reliever C.J. Wilson made it a one-run game but there would be no rally for the Blue Jays (10-5), whose offence cooled off while taking two of three from Oakland over the weekend and never got in gear against Brandon McCarthy (2-0) and the Rangers (6-7).

Frank Francisco came on with one out in the eighth and loaded the bases before Rob Barajas lined out to third and Travis Snider flew out to end the frame. Francisco followed with a quiet ninth for his second save.

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Roy Halladay looks on as the Rangers Nelson Cruz rounds the bases after his second-inning, two-run home run last night.

DeRo out at least two

MLS Toronto FC star midfielder Dwayne De Rosario could be out for several weeks with a hamstring injury. The Scarborough native is due to have a scan to determine the extent of the damage and has already been ruled out of home games tonight against Chivas USA and Sunday against Kansas City.

"He's definitely out for two (games) and it might be more than that," Toronto coach John Carver said yesterday.

De Rosario aggravated the hamstring Sunday in a loss in Dallas and came off in the 74th minute.

"You saw from his reaction he did tear it," Carver said. "To what degree, we're going to find out once he had a scan. But he has a tear in there and that can be anywhere (from) three to four weeks."

In other TFC news, Carver was fined $750 yesterday by MLS for making publicly critical remarks about officials after the loss in Dallas on Sunday.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Yossi Benayoun scored deep into injury time yesterday to give Liverpool a dramatic 4-4 draw with Arsenal and keep his team in the Premier League title race. The draw took Liverpool — at least temporarily — back to the top of the Premier League on goal difference.

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Pens put Flyers on the brink

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Sidney Crosby and the Penguins can finish off the Flyers back on home ice.

A sliding Crosby scored a goal that ricocheted off his skate, his midsection and into the back of the net to spark Pittsburgh to a 3-1 win over Philadelphia last night.

Marc-Andre Fleury was sensational with 45 saves and the Penguins grabbed a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference first-round playoff series. Tyler Kennedy and Maxime Talbot also scored for the Penguins, who can eliminate the Flyers in five games just like they did in last year's Eastern Conference finals. Game 5 is tomorrow in Pittsburgh.

Red Wings 4, Blue Jackets 1

Henrik Zetterberg scored two goals and the Detroit Red Wings dominated from start to finish last night to beat the Columbus Blue Jackets 4-1 and grab a 3-0 lead in their first-round series. The first NHL playoff game at Nationwide Arena — in the Blue Jackets' 659th game — was a mammoth letdown for a franchise-record crowd of 19,219.

Dan Cleary had a goal and two assists, Tomas Holmstrom scored 1:07 in and Johan Franzen added two assists.

The Red Wings can advance to the conference semifinals with a win tomorrow night.

Hurricanes 4, Devils 3

Jussi Jokinen deflected in Dennis Seidenberg's slapshot with 0.2 seconds remaining and the Carolina Hurricanes evened their series with New Jersey at two games apiece by beating the Devils 4-3.

Eric Staal, Ryan Bayda and Chad LaRose also scored for the Hurricanes, who blew a 3-0 lead but regrouped just in time to avoid a third straight overtime game.

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Sidney Crosby celebrates his second-period goal last night.

For a recap of Game 4 of the Canucks/Blues and Game 3 of the Sharks/Ducks series, visit **metronews.ca**

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- Lights account for up to 20% of a home's energy use. Remember to turn them off when you leave the room.
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Fridge hospitalized

Former Chicago Bears defensive lineman William (The Refrigerator) Perry is in serious condition at a South Carolina hospital. Reports say the 46-year-old Perry was hospitalized with complications from Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a chronic inflammation disorder of the peripheral nerves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Howard NBA's top defender

NBA Orlando Magic centre Dwight Howard is the NBA's defensive player of the year after becoming only the fifth player to lead the league in blocks and rebounds in the same season.

Howard received 542 points, including 105 first-place votes from a panel of 119 writers and broadcasters. Cleveland's LeBron James was second with 148 points and Miami's Dwyane Wade finished third with 90 points. The 23-year-old Howard is the youngest player to win the award.

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Rana named coach of U17 team

BASKETBALL Eastern Commerce basketball coach Roy Rana has been named coach of the Canadian men's under-17 team. Rana's record in 14 seasons at the high school is 384-78.

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NBA Cavs, Pistons battle in Game 2

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LeBron James is fouled by Detroit's Rasheed Wallace during Game 2 of their Eastern Conference first-round playoff series last night. For a complete game recap, visit www.metronews.ca/sports.

For recaps of the Game 2 of the Rockets/Blazers and Jazz/Lakers series, visit **metronews.ca/sports**

Little League offers to pay big league fine

When outfielder Elijah Dukes made a personal appearance at a Virginia Little League's season-opening gathering for a little extra cash a few hours before a Washington Nationals game, he turned up late at his day job and was fined.

Now the Great Falls, Va., Little League — already out the $500 US Dukes was promised so he'd show up over the weekend — says it will raise another $500 to cover Dukes' penalty for failing to arrive at Nationals Park on time.

Dukes' 2009 salary with the Nationals is $415,500.

"We felt terrible because he was doing work for us that made him late," Great Falls Little League president Jim Mraz said yesterday in a telephone interview. The Washington Post first reported on his league's plans to cover Dukes' fine.

"We're raising the money. We're going to pay the fine. It's not a question of whether he can afford it or not. That's none of our business," Mraz said. "If he was put in a bad light because of us, we should at least pay the $500 for him."

The league planned to have collection jugs at its games starting last night. Any extra money raised will be donated to a Little League based near the Nationals' stadium.

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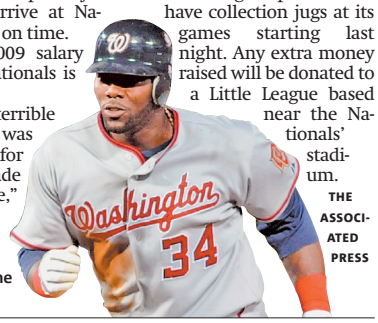

Elijah Dukes was fined $500 US by the Nationals.

Disney nature earth

Tillman enters not guilty plea
The general manager of the Saskatchewan Roughriders has pleaded not guilty to a charge of sexual assault. Eric Tillman was not at the provincial courthouse in Regina yesterday, but his lawyer, Aaron Fox, entered the plea on his behalf. THE CANADIAN PRESS

From blocking back to environmentalist

Former CFL fullback Julian Radlein spreads the word about the importance of conservation

STEPHEN JOHNSON
for Metro Canada

Julian Radlein is not a typical environmental activist. He is a six-foot-two, 245-pound former fullback with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats who was adept at crushing opposing linebackers. But he's also one of Canada's leading advocates for environmental awareness.

Radlein enjoyed a five-year career with Hamilton from 2003 to 2007. During this time, he was active in the Hamilton environmental community. His involvement ranged from encouraging people to eat locally to performing an environmental audit at Ivor Wynne stadium. Radlein credits his interest in the environment to early exposure.

"My dad was a chemist, so I grew up with science and a respect for the environment. I studied ecology at UBC. I like to think of myself not as an environmental activist, but more as a survivalist. Clean air, water and soil are essential to sustaining life."

After retiring from the CFL last year, Radlein formed Evergreen Sports Programming with former Saskatchewan Roughrider Dustin Cherniawski.

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The company focuses on delivering an environmental message by using football players as their spokespersons. The keystone activity of their company is the GreenZone Sustainability Blitz — Speaker Series.

"We focus on three pillars of sustainability: Reduce, reuse and recycle," said Radlein.

B.C. Lions linebacker Javier Glatt spent his off-season presenting the Sustainability Blitz program to schools across B.C. Glatt feels the high-energy activities of the program help to make it popular with children of different ages.

"We always start with a pep rally where the whole school comes together. There are environmental games that have students competing against the athletes. We have a water relay, energy challenge and waste relay. It is funny how the students always seem to win."

Glatt tries to deliver his message in a language the students understand. "When I speak to schools in Vancouver, I always ask the students to imagine if they could not see the mountains due to smog. Also, I talk about the importance of clean air and fresh grass for things like recess. When you start talking about recess being in jeopardy, all the students immediately listen." The GreenZone Sustainability Blitz is currently being presented in B.C., Alberta and Ontario.

Julian Radlein started Evergreen Sports Programming.

On the web

- For more on the GreenZone Sustainability Blitz, check it out online at greenzonechallenge.com.

Canadian outdoor NHL game? Only in Alberta

The word is out that the NHL's next outdoor game will take place next season at Fenway Park in Boston. And with it, comes complaints from up here that the league is avoiding holding one in Canada.

Yet the reason is simple.

At this moment, there is only one outdoor stadium in this entire nation that seats more than 40,000 people — Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, the very field that hosted the NHL's first outdoor venture in 2003.

While it might make you feel warm and fuzzy to imagine NHLers taking the ice at Montreal's Percival Molson Stadium or Toronto's BMO Field, these games aren't staged to make the league feel warm and fuzzy. They are staged to maximize profit, and that (and that alone) is the only reason they are staged. When you sell 40,000 tickets to a hockey game, you double your gate in addition to swelling TV numbers.

Aside from Commonwealth, McMahon Stadium in Calgary is the only current outdoor venue in the country worth doing it in.

With 36,000 seats, it's 17,000 more than the Pengrowth Saddledome (and only about 2,000 smaller than Fenway).

BMO? Twenty thousand, or merely 2,000 more than the Air Canada Centre. Similar story with Molson Stadium and the Bell Centre.

The Big Owe? Sorry, the roof's screwed on tight now. The Rogers Centre? Sorry, no on-field drainage system. The retractable-roofed version of Vancouver's B.C. Place? Possible, but still unbuilt.

Some corners have said the Ottawa Senators could play a game on the Rideau Canal. My advice to them would be to not smoke marijuana before making suggestions for where the Ottawa Senators play outdoor games. A frozen waterway with 40,000 temporary metal seats? That's even more temporary seating than most Grey Cup games.

And anybody think about the luxury suites? It's doubtful Eugene Melnyk or any other owner would look the other way on that sweet action.

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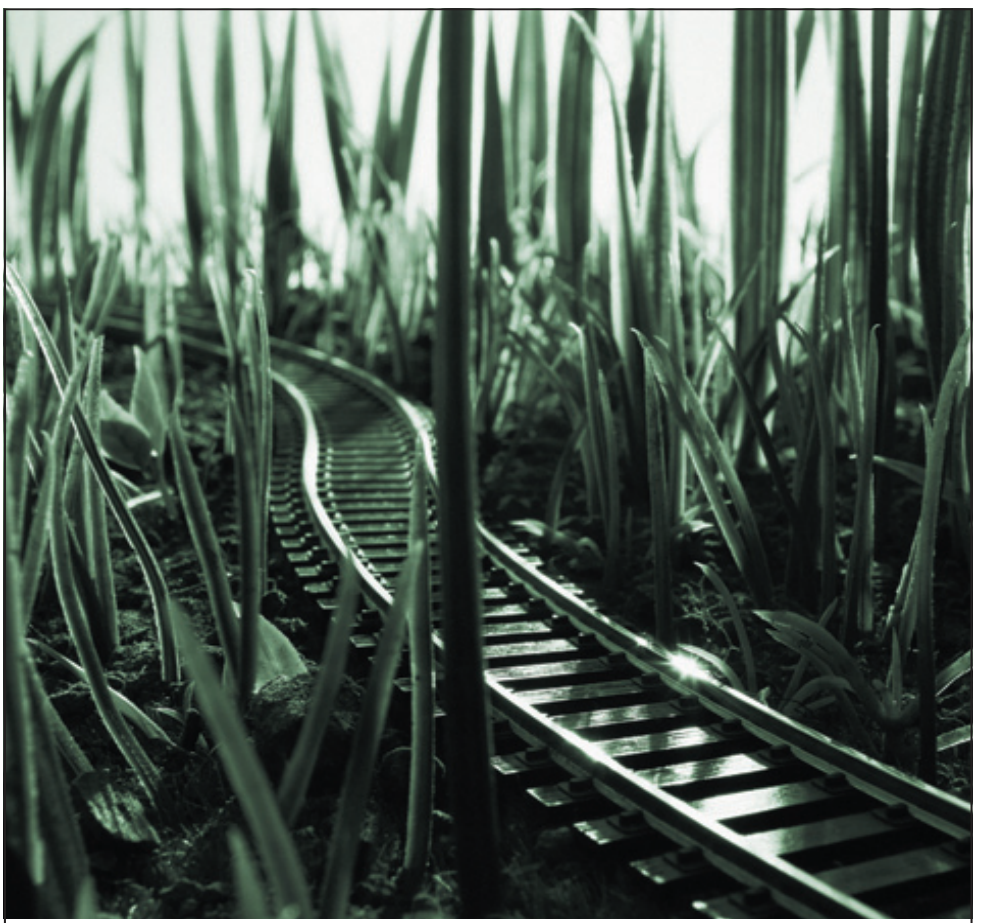
Sports in brief

NFL Lions general manager Martin Mayhew says the chances are very good Detroit will have a deal done with the No. 1 pick before the NFL draft begins Saturday. Mayhew declined to say much else during a news conference yesterday. The Lions have taken great pride in staying quiet about their plans. "I hope nobody expects me to say anything earth-shattering," Mayhew said in his opening comments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Nature, Disney-Style

Disneynature revives tradition of documentary excellence

By Lori Dance

Seeking to capitalize on the recent success of nature documentaries, Disney looked back at its own long-dormant True-Life Adventures division—which not only garnered eight Academy Awards from 1948 to 1960, but also fostered fond memories for generations of schoolchildren—to inspire the first Disney-branded film label in over 60 years.

"Nature invents the most beautiful stories," says Jean-François Camilleri who, besides having been involved with the Academy Award-winning film March of the Penguins, is executive vice president and general manager of Disneynature. "So in a place like the Disney Studios, where storytelling is key, we are going to go and… bring them to the big screen. This was a vision of Walt Disney back in 1948, and this is the vision of Disneynature today."

Director Alastair Fothergill

For its first film, EARTH, the Disneynature team looked no further than directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield, the creative team behind the Emmy Award-winning Planet Earth series, for assistance. "I think EARTH is a perfect film to start the Disneynature series… because it is a portrait of the whole planet," Fothergill asserts. "In over five years, we filmed at over 200 locations in 64 countries worldwide and employed 60 cameramen… Nobody in the history of cinema has ever had so much time, resources, and talent brought together for one true-life feature."

> ***"Nature invents the most beautiful stories"***

Disneynature is developing numerous titles concurrently and plans to release at least one feature-length documentary each year. Oceans, slated for 2010, will rely on new technology to capture detailed underwater drama where few have previously ventured. Big Cats, to be released in 2011, follows three species as they protect and teach their cubs on the great plains of Africa. And the directors of EARTH will reunite for 2012's Chimpanzee, shot over three years in the tropical jungles of the Ivory Coast and Uganda.

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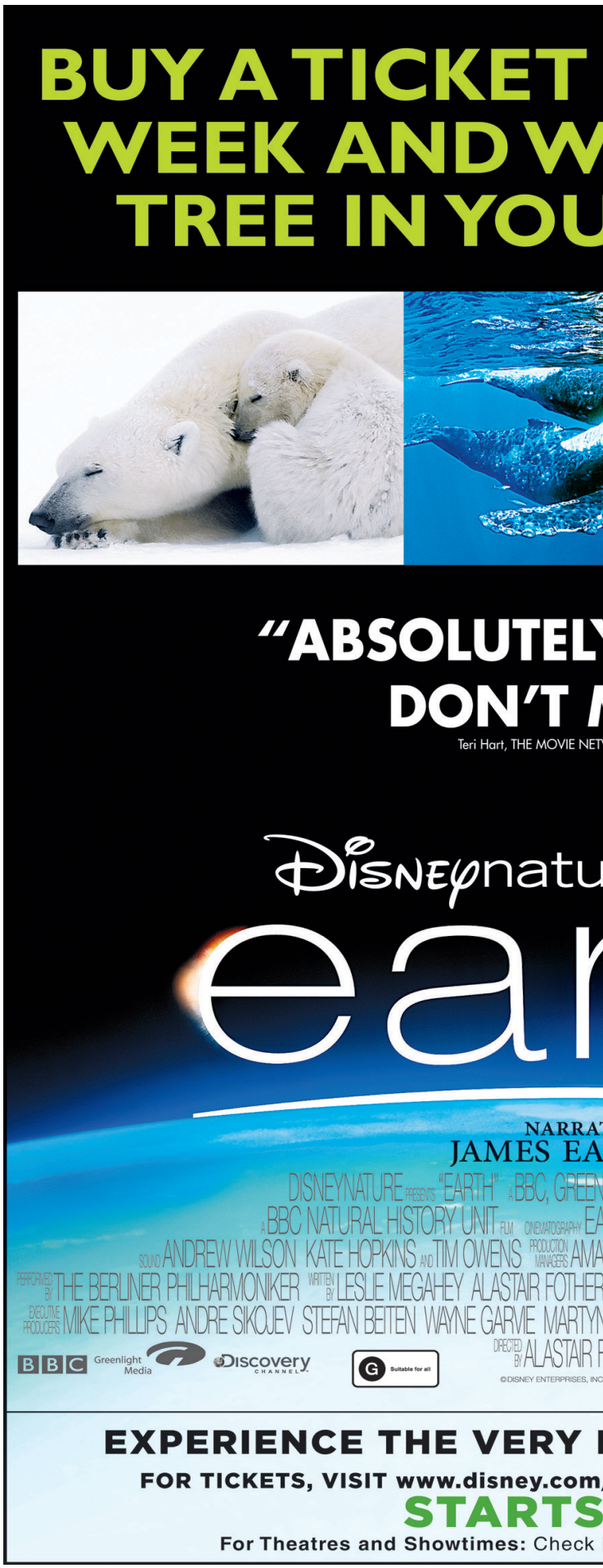
We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children.
~ Native American Proverb



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Three Families, One EARTH

Disneynature's first film explores the animal kingdom from pole to pole

By Lori Dance

On April 22, Disney will celebrate Earth Day with the premiere of the first film in its Disneynature series. Narrated in thrilling detail by James Earl Jones, EARTH follows the journeys of three animal families as they interact with the ever-changing world around them.

On a group of Nordic islands is where you'll meet the polar bears. The world's largest land predators travel hundreds of miles for something to eat, yet they don't drink water. A male ventures far to hunt as a mother emerges from a snow den with her two cubs. The pack ice melts earlier each year, and food is becoming a challenge.

To visit the next family, you'll travel far south as an elephant mother guides her tiny calf across the Kalahari Desert in search of fresh water, of which an adult can drink 50 gallons each day. In this dry season, however, thick clouds of dust threaten to separate them, and they are forced to share what little refreshment they find with hungry lions.

Finally, you'll witness an epic 4,000-mile migration. In tropical waters, a humpbacked whale calf receives over 600 quarts of milk each day, but its mother is starving. The pair set out on the longest journey undertaken by any marine mammal to the southernmost Antarctic waters to feed on krill and small fish before they turn around and journey back to the Equator.

The supporting cast of this story includes, among over 40 other animal species, some painfully adorable mandarin ducklings who, at their mother's urging, fling themselves 30 feet from their nest to the ground. Will they fly? Will they bounce? You'll just have to wait until Earth Day to find out…

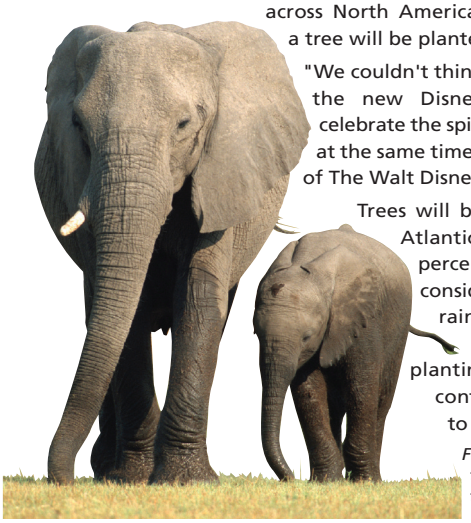
To check out more exclusive and super-cute behind-the-scenes footage of the film's three main families, visit disneynature.com/earth.

Trees for Tickets

Plant yourself in front of EARTH, and Disneynature will plant a tree on Earth

By Lori Dance

Disney and Metro have a convenient truth for you: for every ticket purchased during the opening week of EARTH, being released across North America on Earth Day (April 22), a tree will be planted in your honour.



"We couldn't think of a better way to launch the new Disneynature banner, and to celebrate the spirit of the film and Earth Day at the same time," says Dick Cook, chairman of The Walt Disney Studios.

Trees will be planted in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest which, at only 7 percent of its original capacity, is considered the most endangered rain forest in the world. Disney is overseeing their planting and care, and Metro is contributing advertising space to support the program.

For more information, including ticket availability at your local theatre, visit disney.com/earth.

Disney nature earth

Martha Stewart Living co-CEO to step down

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. said yesterday that Wenda Harris Millard, co-chief executive in charge of media, will be leaving the company, after less than a year in that position, to join the New York public relations firm Media Link LLC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Quebecor looking for fresh start

INSOLVENT Quebecor World has filed a restructuring plan designed to give the insolvent printer a fresh start. A court hearing is scheduled for May 15 at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York.

The Montreal-based company plans to sever its ties with its founders by changing its name and replacing its board with independent directors, according to court filings.

New company shares are expected to be publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange once it exits its bankruptcy and creditor protection by mid-July.

The reorganization plan doesn't anticipate any recovery for the holders of its existing multiple voting shares such as the Peladeau family, redeemable first preferred shares, or subordinate voting shares.

Quebecor World filed for court protection in Canada and the United States in January 2008 after its debt was estimated to exceed $1 billion US.

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Video war brewing

Blockbuster lowers rental rates for new releases

Amid growing competition and problems at its U.S. parent, Canada's largest video rental chain has lowered the price of new releases to $3.99, as long as you return it on time.

Blockbuster Canada said yesterday that represents a 30 per cent price reduction, or $2 savings, over its previous price on a two-night rental.

Online

- The average Canadian spent 10 hours viewing videos online in February, a 53 per cent increase over the previous year, market research firm comScore Inc. found.
- The average video was just 4 minutes long.

The video rental store industry is facing growing competition from alternative forms of media, such as online DVD rental services, and falling prices in discount stores, such as Wal-Mart, for video purchases.

Blockbuster's move undercuts its nearest rival, Rogers Plus, which lowered its price in March to $4.99 for a two-night release.

Much like Rogers' recent price changes, the new pricing regime at Blockbuster reintroduces a form of "late fee." Customers who fail to return their two-night rental on time will face a $1.99 per night additional fee. Or they can opt to pay the old two-night price, $5.99, up front and keep the movie for up to seven days.

Rogers adopted a similar approach in its pricing structure, saying the elimination of late fees had depleted its shelves, as customers took too long to return the movies.

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A customer looks at movies for sale at a Blockbuster store in Santa Clara, Calif., in this file photo.

Top bank cuts interest rate to its lowest level

SLUMP The Bank of Canada has taken its key policy interest rate to the lowest practical level in an effort to combat what it says has become a deeper than expected economic slump.

The central bank sliced its target for the overnight rate in half to 0.25 per cent and signalled it will keep it there until at least mid-2010 in an effort to arrest the economy's steep fall.

The commercial banks quickly cut their prime lending rate in step with the Bank of Canada's move. They were led by Bank of Montreal, which announced less than two minutes after the central bank's announcement that prime — the benchmark for variable-rate mortgages and other loans — was dropping by a quarter-point to 2.25 per cent. Some fixed rates were also trimmed.

Mark Carney

Yesterday's Bank of Canada action suggests governor Mark Carney is willing to pull out all the stops to boost borrowing and ease lending, said economist Michael Gregory of BMO Capital Markets.

Carney will be outlining options for quantitative easing (expanding the money supply) tomorrow.

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Business in brief

BEVERAGES Coca-Cola Co. said yesterday that its first-quarter profit fell 10 per cent on restructuring charges and writedowns but the results met analysts' estimates. The Atlanta-based company has been focusing on core brands like Sprite and Coke as consumers pull back.

MINING Teck Cominco has been given some relief from its lenders, sending its stock soaring 30 per cent yesterday. Teck said its lenders have agreed to defer $4.4 billion US of payments due this year and extend the maturity date of $3.5 billion US of the bridge facility to October 2011. METRO NEWS SERVICES

GM, Chrysler may get more cash

BAILOUT General Motors Corp. could get as much as $5 billion US more in U.S. federal loans, while Chrysler LLC could get $500 million as they race against government-imposed deadlines to restructure, according to a government report filed yesterday.

The report by a special inspector general on the auto industry and bank bailout programs says the money will be made available for working capital.

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Canadian student car wins

A student team from Laval University in Quebec topped more than 500 students from North and South America to win the 2009 Shell Eco-marathon Americas. The team took the grand prize in the prototype division, with a combustion-engine vehicle that achieved 1,172.2 km per litre.

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Toyota Prius reinvented

Hybrid aims to win hearts without compromising green thinking

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada

The 2010 Toyota Prius has more room, more power, and, of course improved fuel efficiency.

I'm standing on the gas, the pedal flat to the floor and that's where it's gonna stay, fuel economy be damned.

We're leaving the flats of the Napa Valley, spiraling up into the Mayacamas, trees and rock face blurring past, engine moaning, tires gripping nicely, only the occasional peep-peep-peep of traction and stability control warnings as I go into a hairpin corner too hot, you know, one of those corners where you almost have to look behind yourself to see where you're going. Then, back on the gas and we are clawing towards yet another curve on the mountain road.

And, no, you're not reading the wrong story.

This is the 2010 Toyota Prius, the third and latest generation of the fuel-efficient, low-emissions hybrid dear to the hearts of the 14,000 or so environmentally-sensitive Canadians who have bought one since its introduction a decade ago.

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To build a car that appeals to a broader audience while staying true to the environmental expectations of the faithful, over 2000 engineers worked on a product that boasts a long list of firsts along with over 1000 patents.

The 2010 Prius starts on the MC platform shared with Scion XB. The previous Prius had all the soulless enamor of a science project — econo car trappings and no-nonsense trim topped by a utilitarian little shifter sticking awkwardly out of the dash.

The 2010 Prius is a driver's car, with true cockpit feel courtesy of a raised console in "freeform geometric design," mounting a handsome little shifter that's so cute you just want to hang onto it. The layout is complemented by a sporty oval steering wheel, push button start, new graphic displays, soft touch padded materials, more comfortable seating and a leaf pattern grain texture on dash, door panels and fabric.

But enough about looks, let's get to the meat of the matter.

The Prius' Hybrid Synergy Drive is ninety per cent new for 2010. Unlike most other hybrid vehicles available, Prius has always been a "full" hybrid, allowing it to run on engine alone, battery alone, or both.

The powertrain improvements start with a bigger 1.8-litre DOHC gasoline engine. Other improvements come with the new engine, a lighter electric motor and generator, improved cooling to components, more compact battery packaging, a lighter transaxle, an improved CVT transmission and, importantly for Canada, an exhaust heat recovery system that was winter-tested in Timmins, Ont., and that proved to provide quicker warm-up and better cold weather fuel efficiency.

The net result? Twenty-two per cent more power and seven percent less fuel consumption. The 2010 Prius is rated at 3.8L/100km combined, better than the previous model's 4.1L/100km rating.

2010 Toyota Prius

Type: Mid-size hybrid sedan
Price: Not available
Engine: 2ZR-FXE 1.8-litre VVT-I DOHC four-cylinder with electric motor assist (134 hp / 105 lb-ft of torque).
HP: 3.7/4.0/3.8L/100km (city/hwy/comb)

The new 2010 Prius really sets itself apart with a totally revised and handsome driver-oriented layout.

Nissan roadster unveiled

DEBUT The 2010 Nissan 370Z roadster made its global debut at the recent New York auto show, wowing visitors with its classic open-air sports car looks.

The roadster shares its engine, transmissions, suspension, platform and most major components with the coupe. The cutting-edge technology includes the standard 332-horsepower 3.7-litre DOHC V6 engine and choice of 7-speed automatic transmission or close-ratio six-speed manual with available SynchroRev Match (the world's first synchronized downshift rev matching manual transmission).

"The 370Z Roadster delivers the same exceptional performance offered in the Coupe and more refinement than any other Z convertible that has come before," said Jeff Parent, vice president of sales and marketing, Nissan Canada Inc. "Features such as its one-touch, auto-locking convertible top and beautifully crafted interior might be unexpected in a car this sporty."

The Z(R) Roadster is expected in Canadian Nissan dealerships in late summer.

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2010 Nissan 370Z roadster

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A diverse approach

Variety in green tech should be encouraged: Expert

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Robert Bienenfeld, manager of American Honda's environment and energy strategy, stands with Honda's new Insight hybrid in Vancouver. Bienenfeld says automakers must develop a portfolio of green technologies rather than try to pick a single winner.

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Robert Bienenfeld has been with Honda's U.S. subsidiary for 25 years but he cut his teeth on southern California's alternative-fuel and electric vehicle movement.

Bienenfeld, American Honda's head of environment and energy strategy, is paid to think about long-term approaches to meet government emission and fuel-economy regulations and the Japanese automaker's goal to produce efficient, environmentally sustainable vehicles.

And he has a warning: Don't let the auto industry's financial problems stampede us into making bad choices, specifically picking technological winners and losers in the fight against global warming and declining oil supplies.

GM's talisman has been the Chevrolet Volt, a plug-in electric car it promises to debut within a year. Chrysler has been showing a battery-powered vehicle built on the Lotus Elise sports car, among other concepts.

Every carmaker has different and often multiple technologies in the works. Bienenfeld thinks that's as it should be and governments should resist the urge to push one or the other.

"It's clear we need to take a portfolio approach," says Bienenfeld.

Honda recently unveiled its Insight hybrid four-door hatchback, a decade after it launched the first Insight as a tiny two-seat commuter hybrid that introduced the technology to North American drivers. The new model goes on sale today.

Toyota is into the third generation of its popular Prius and has seven hybrids wearing Toyota and Lexus badges.

Hybrids may be in the mainstream now but they may not be The Answer. Nor should companies be wedded — by choice or government mandate — to a particular approach for battery-car development.

The herd mentality has led down some technological dead ends in the past, Bienenfeld says.

"It's clear we need to take a portfolio approach."
American Honda's Robert Bienenfeld

In the 1970s, when smog was seen as the big environmental threat, clean-burning methanol seemed like the solution. But its corrosive effect on engine metals and plastics, plus shorter range than the equivalent amount of gasoline, has limited it largely to use in race cars that like its high-octane rating.

Ethanol, another alcohol-based fuel, looked like the answer to a prayer for anyone worried about diminishing oil supplies and carbon emissions. After all, it's made from plants.

But it takes as much energy to produce as it provides, has the same range problems as methanol and if you're using corn as a feedstock it drives up the price of tortillas in Mexico.

That doesn't mean it has no place. Ethanol-gasoline mixes are in widespread use and biofuels that use waste products such as corn stalks or wood chips are still promising if the full-cycle energy cost can be overcome.

Bienenfeld's point is that all viable technologies should stay on the table while they evolve and their relative merits and problems are fully explored.

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MyKey: Putting brakes on teen drivers

JIL MCINTOSH
for Metro Canada

When your teenager takes out the family car, you may not always know where he is. But thanks to Ford's new MyKey system, you'll have a better idea of what he's doing.

Ford's innovative technology MyKey will be a standard feature on the 2010 Focus.

Debuting on the 2010 Focus and planned for several more models, MyKey is a no-charge standard feature that limits the car's top speed, prevents the traction control from being disabled, chimes warnings at pre-set speeds, encourages seatbelt use, and caps the volume on the audio system. It works through the message centre in the instrument cluster, and is invisible to drivers who don't want to use it.

Parents program keys through the ignition, turning them into "MyKey keys." These trigger the pre-set system when they're used to start the car, limiting what the vehicle will do.

One key always remains the "administrator," and is used to program others; it also lets parents operate the vehicle without limits. The MyKeys can be wiped clean or reprogrammed at any time, if desired. Any microchipped key can become a MyKey, whether it's one of the keys that comes with the car, or purchased from the dealer.

Starting the car with a MyKey always triggers three automatic defaults. The regular seatbelt reminder chimes, but the stereo won't work until the driver has buckled up, as well as any front-seat passenger. The low-fuel warning comes on at 120 km to empty, rather than the usual 80 km notice. And if the vehicle is equipped with special safety features such as Park Aid or the new Blind Spot Information System, these can't be disabled by the driver.

Beyond those, parents can also program in speed alert chimes at 72, 88 or 105 km/h; the inability to disable the traction control; a limit of 44 per cent of the stereo's volume; and a limited top speed of 130 km/h. (That's higher than most of Canada's speed limits, but it's permissible on some U.S. highways, and Ford determined that the car must be driveable everywhere.)

And if your teen's a technology wizard, fear not. "The system tracks the kilometres, and so the parents can see if the MyKey is being used," said Kerri Stoakley, Ford's communications manager. "The parent may note that the child had the car, but there are no kilometres registered on the MyKey, so she can tell if the teenager is using the administrator key. It will also show the number of MyKeys programmed, which lets parents know if the MyKey has been wiped clean and is now an administrator key. And the teenager can't "de-MyKey" it alone, because you need the administrator key to change it."

"Buckle up, watch your speed, and turn down the radio are the three things parents ask."
Ford's Kerri Stoakley

Research found that while most teens initially disliked the system, they were more in favour if they thought it would lead to greater driving privileges.

"Buckle up, watch your speed, and turn down the radio are the three things parents ask," Stoakley said. "So mom and dad might give more seat time with the system. It's a good reminder to children that they need to drive safely."

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Sammy and his owner Heather Cammisa pose on the dog ramp of the new Honda Element at recent the New York auto show.

Honda Element a dog's best friend

PETS A new offering from Honda may get dogs more interested in checking out the inside of their ride rather than hanging their heads out the window. The Japanese automaker showed off a Dog Friendly version of the Honda Element SUV at the New York International Auto Show recently. The concept features a cushioned pet bed in the cargo area, a spill-resistant water bowl, and even a ventilation fan to keep canines comfortable. There's also an integrated pet carrier and machine-washable seat covers to make it convenient and safe to carry smaller pets in the back seat. Honda says the Dog Friendly Element will be available this fall.

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Fun heart of Soul

Kia impresses with new compact SUV

EMMA E FORREST
Metro World News

One of several new boxy cars coming out, this new Kia is not just full of soul, it's stylish and it's also a huge amount of fun.

The Korean carmaker's compact SUV is its most distinctive design yet and set to be a trailblazer for the brand.

New design director and Audi TT designer Peter Schreyer has produced a striking car with faux-4x4 credentials. It has boxy looks along the same lines as the Nissan Cube, Honda Element and Scion xB, is high off the road and it also offers the same in-town practicality as a 4x4, but is obviously cheaper to buy and far more economical — and ecological — than a real off-roader.

There's a selection of fun coloured exteriors and original interiors — including a dogstooth pattern. There are three special editions including the Diva and Samba, but it's the Soul's Burner that's the bomb — this bad boy comes in black with red highlights, a dragon design on the outside, hot black wheels and a flashy red and white interior.

This model also has a brilliant feature — red lights in the speakers that flash in time with the music you're listening to.

These things are essential for the type of driver that Kia expects to appeal to, a young, urban crowd like you, who will want to ferry their friends around and maybe not mind so much that the boot won't fit more than one baby buggy. It all adds to the fun experience of driving this car — it feels solid, but is also nippy and agile.

2010 Kia Soul

Type: Compact SUV
Price: from $15, 495
Engine: 1.6 litre
HP: 124 bhp

Highlights

- Wallet-friendly, eco-friendly off-roader
- Fun to drive

Metro Global Motoring Editor Emma E Forrest poses with the 2010 Kia Soul

Carbon fibre catching on

"Carbon fibre is incredibly strong and stiff for its weight."

At first blush the just-released Mercedes-Benz SLR Stirling Moss might not appear to be the ideal subject to discuss today ... today being Earth Day.

Some of you might even suggest that such an extravagant vehicle shouldn't even be built in the first place. Well, you sort of have your wish, because they're only making 75 of them. There, happy now?

But everyone and everything has a part to play in moving towards more Earth-respectful human mobility — even, surprisingly, a $500,000-plus sports car that can only carry two people and about 18 minutes worth of luggage.

The part played by this, and the other models in the SLR range (roadster and coupe), is advancing the use of carbon fibre in "mass produced" production vehicles.

Carbon fibre is incredibly strong and stiff for its weight. As such, it's become the material of choice for such things as hockey sticks, tennis and badminton racquets, and now bicycles frames. (I play a bit of hockey and badminton, so when they get around to making a beer bottle out of the stuff, I figure my leisure time will be carbon-fibre complete.)

Its strength comes from the way it's made — strands are layered and woven together in specific patterns, and each time out, it's done differently, to precisely fit the task at hand. Not dissimilar to the way Mother Nature goes about building her stuff.

But such a customized and fussy process, adds much cost and time. And the raw material for carbon fibre is already way more expensive than aluminum or steel.

The SLR is unique not only because its body panels are made of carbon fibre, but also its superstructure. This body shell is made by McLaren — the same firm that builds McLaren F1 racing cars. F1 is where all the big envelope pushing gets done, when it comes to carbon fibre and four wheels.

Mercedes and McLaren have developed material and process systems to speed up both the creation and assembly of carbon fibre components. The team took their cues from the textile industry, as some of the automated systems resemble weaving machines.

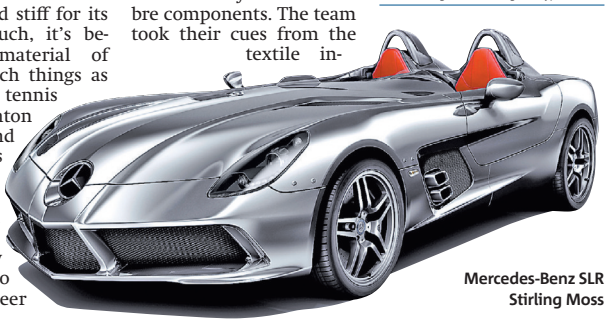
High heat areas, such as engines and exhausts, will always be made of metal for the foreseeable future, but how about everything else?

In an email interview, James Banks, Mercedes' body function manager, said, "It is quite feasible that small structural parts could start appearing on production cars within the next few years ... Personally, I believe carbon fibre crash systems and class A bodywork are the two areas of the automobile that are likely to see the biggest advances in the coming years."

When this does happen, it will be another example of trickle-down technology, in the constant pursuit to make all cars safer and lighter and more fuel-efficient.

And if you have to build something high, to get the necessary gravity, you could do worse than this gorgeous SLR, built as a homage to the original SLR that racing legend, Stirling Moss, which famously drove to a succession of victories in 1955.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.



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Lincoln MKS tries younger look

ROB BEINTEMA
for Metro Canada

2009 Lincoln MKS

Type: Full-size premium sedan
Price: from $47,799
Engine: 3.7-litre Duratec V6 (273 hp, 270 lb/ft)

Highlights

- Full suite of modern gadgetry
- Luxurious but trendy

The 2009 Lincoln MKS is taking the brand's design DNA into a new era.

A palette of available interior colours and a long list of standard equipment are all found inside the 2009 Lincoln MKS.

After almost a hundred years of automotive history, it's easy to equate Lincoln with luxury. Which carries its own dangers of design inertia and hidebound tradition. But Lincoln designers seem to be aware that "tradition should be a guide, not a jailer." Especially in the face of increased competition in the premium class.

Lincoln continues to try to reinvent itself to appeal to a younger audience and a wider swath of the marketplace.

It's not an easy process. It requires the compromise of pleasing your regular fans with the familiar, while simultaneously trying to attract new buyers with novelty and innovation. The latest end result of that blended process — the 2009 Lincoln MKS.

Central to the design, a striking double-wing grille, playing on Lincoln's traditional waterfall grille motif, angles to the jewel-styled headlamps that wrap around the vented front fascia and flow into a sharp crease along the high beltline.

That high beltline is emphasized by the sweep of windshield, the elevated rear deck, and the deep seating and high console inside the car.

In a new age of tall wagons, CUVs and other crossover hybrid styles, the MKS sits and feels very much like a traditional car, still typically North American in style and spirit. But, then again, this ain't exactly Grandpa's Lincoln.

A full suite of very modern available technologies includes:

- SYNC, a hands-free, voice-activated hands-free in-car communication and entertainment system developed by Ford and Microsoft. The system integrates Bluetooth-enabled cellphones, your iPod, or other digital media players.
- Intelligent Access with Push Button Start — a first for Lincoln — allows the driver to unlock the vehicle with the fob or touch the heat-sensitive keyless entry pad on the B-Pillar and start the engine with a push-button on the instrument panel.

As tested, my front-wheel-drive model behaved civilly enough, wriggling with a little torque steer only under the hardest acceleration, pulling the MKS' somewhat porky 1872 kg (4127 lbs) of curb weight satisfactorily up to speed with a burly background roar. Fuel economy numbers vary according to sources but we'll go with the optimistic Canadian Energuide ratings of 12.9/8.8L/100km (city/hwy).

Car boom hits Baghdad

Business, not bombs, is booming at Baghdad car dealerships, as well-heeled Iraqis are indulging in a passion long out of reach — spiffy, new cars.

BMWs, Nissans, Hyundais and even military-style Hummers are now weaving around the shabby, smoke-belching wrecks and donkey carts that have clogged the streets over two decades of sanctions and war.

That may make Baghdad one of the few cities worldwide where the auto industry is doing relatively well — at least compared to the worst of the war, when sales were stagnant.

With its limited banking system, Iraq has largely avoided the global financial meltdown.

And unlike elsewhere in the world, gas prices aren't much of a deterrent to those Iraqis eager and able to catch up with the good life behind the wheel of a new car.

Not so long ago, cruising the capital in a new car was asking for trouble. Carjackers were seemingly everywhere — either envious militiamen or kidnappers on the lookout for victims with enough cash to pay fat ransoms.

Those bad days are not entirely over. But with violence ebbing, Iraqis who can afford it are eager to live large and bask in the status that only a nice new car can bring.

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Iraqi women walk past new cars at a dealership in Baghdad.

"Nowadays, most people are not afraid of driving fancy new cars."
Car dealer
Hassan Saleh

"Despite the high price, driving a new car gives me a great sense of happiness and comfort," said Muhannad Khazim as he cruised an upscale neighbourhood with three friends in a 2007 Hyundai Elantra he'd bought two days earlier.

The city traffic department refused to say how many new cars were registered over the last year. But showrooms are popping up in safer neighbourhoods around town to meet the demand.

Hassan Saleh, who sells Japanese and South Korean four-wheel-drive vehicles and American-made Hummers at an east Baghdad dealership, attributes the boom to better security, which has given Iraqis the confidence to treat themselves to luxuries.

"Nowadays, most people are not afraid of driving fancy new cars in the streets. Two years ago, that meant imminent danger of being kidnapped for ransom," said Saleh.

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Pontiac Vibe GT model shown, $26,070.

Porsche thrills for the people

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

When Porsche announced it was pulling out of most major auto shows, including February's Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto, it caused waves in the industry.

In an effort to thrill would-be customers into buying, the company decided to throw its full weight behind its World Roadshow, a travelling circus of Porsche vehicles and personnel that provides the ultimate test drive.

While this is the roadshow's 11th year, it's being held in Canada for the first time. The event kicked off last week at the Mosport International Raceway near Toronto and is scheduled to end this Friday.

The goal is to run 350 prospective buyers through a one-day program, in the hope, as one official put it, of spreading "the Porsche virus."

The program involves different activities, ranging from performance testing a 911 Turbo Cabriolet, to using a Cayman S or Boxter S around a slalom course, to off-road driving with a number of Cayenne models, and, of course, lapping Mosport's challenging four-km circuit.

The Cayenne was among Porsche's fleet at the World Roadshow.

"(People) experience for themselves just what makes our vehicles so special."
Porsche Canada's Jasmin Rawlinson

The machines in use to pound around the road course are a great mix of models, from a basic-but-focused 911 C2S with sport-chrono package and six-speed manual, to a more relaxed 911 Targa 4 with PDK, Porsche's new twin-clutch automatic gearbox.

There was a full-on track-oriented Cayman S with body-hugging one-piece sport seats, PDK and carbon brakes that was a real favourite on media day, while the bright-copper Cayenne GTS at the tail didn't hold anyone up, with the large SUV easily hitting 190 km/h up the Andretti Straight.

"The Porsche World Roadshow is a large, ambitious event," said Jasmin Rawlinson, Porsche Canada's director of marketing.

"Experience with the roadshow in other countries has proven the best way to sell Porsches is to put people behind the wheel. This way, they experience for themselves just what makes our vehicles so special."

Porsche Canada is hoping for to attract a good number of orders from the event, especially as "eighty-plus per cent of the people sent to the event have never owned a Porsche before," Laurance Yap, public relations manager for Porsche Canada, explains.

Porsche Canada allowed its would-be customers to test drive its models at the World Roadshow.

Daimler testing car2go

TESTING Daimler is bringing its innovative mobility concept to the U.S. by the fall of this year.

The first international pilot will start in the Texas capital Austin with an initial fleet of about 200 fuel-efficient smart fortwo cars.

Called car2go, it provides a simple, flexible, and cost-effective solution for city driving. The U.S. introduction coincides with the expansion of the pilot in Ulm, Germany, where the company opened the service to the public on March 26 after the internal test which started last October.

The car2go concept is based on a fleet of Smart fortwo vehicles which are available for rent to registered members at any time, 24/7, making city driving as easy as using a mobile phone.

Contrary to traditional car-sharing programs, car2go offers the freedom to get in a car and drive at any time of day without reserving a car in advance.

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FROM CARGUIDE

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Travel

Public enemy

Crews from the forthcoming Johnny Depp movie Public Enemies spent more than three weeks in Oshkosh, Wis., a year ago doing setup and filming — and they drew huge crowds hoping to catch a glimpse of Depp, who plays bank robber John Dillinger. Now, the Oshkosh Public Museum plans to mark the film's July 1 opening and educate visitors on Depression-era crime with an exhibit called The Era of Public Enemies: A Wave of Crime in a Troubled Time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Exploring the Scottish countryside

Natural magnificence is the backdrop to this rural getaway

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

If a rugged wilderness with golden eagles soaring overhead and mountains that go on for miles sounds like a setting that's only on offer in North America, maybe it's time for you to experience the natural magnificence of rural Scotland.

Your adventure should start in London when you board the Caledonian Sleeper train. This overnight train is a magical experience — you step on at London's hectic Euston Station, have a few beers in the bar carriage as you pass though England, put your head down in your cosy bunk, and when you're woken up with a cup of tea at 6 a.m., you find yourself in the wide-open Scottish countryside.

Our destination was Forest Lodge, a Victorian-era hunting lodge on the Atholl estate in Perthshire, right at the heart of Scotland. The estate is also home to Blair Castle, which comes complete with suits of armour and hallways full of antlers, and is base to Europe's only private army, the Atholl Highlanders.

We got out at the picturesque village of Pitlochry — where we had to wait for the local taxi company to deliver the local kids to school before driving us for 40 minutes through the snow to the lodge.

Forest Lodge is like something out of an Agatha Christie movie, a huge white house nestled in the crook of the valley. Inside there are comfortable bedrooms, a dining room with a giant banqueting table for 20, a huge kitchen with a larder, and a living room with plump sofas, tartan curtains and an open fire.

There's even a gun room and a drying room where you can air your wet coat and your walking boots after a romp round the countryside. This is an aristocratic weekend without the price tag — the cost of accommodation and food is small when shared, and there's nowhere to squander your hard-earned cash on fancy restaurants, expensive pubs or silly souvenirs.

There is no mobile phone reception, just an ancient payphone with a crackly line, so you are forced to completely switch off from the real world.

It pays to plan ahead — there's no chance of popping out for a pint of milk here. Calculate who's cooking what and you can have exactly what you need delivered by local grocers Tilt Stores. We arrived to find a larder bursting with fresh fruit, vegetables, meat reared on local farms, wine, and even some welcome snacks including shortbread and tablet, a sweet and tasty type of Scottish fudge that hits the spot when you've just hit the one of the local summits.

Deer hunting is a popular activity here — it's also essential for controlling numbers — but we chose a daily hike up the mountains instead.

Armed with an Ordnance Survey map that marks every contour of every elevation, we set off to conquer the nearby munro, the name for a Scottish mountain with a

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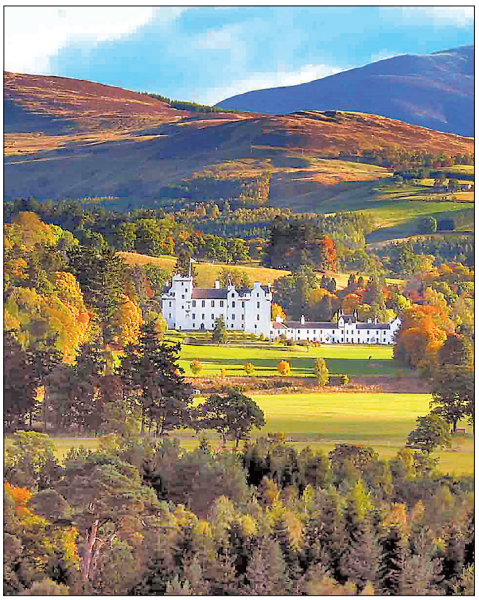

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Left, on a riding adventure on the Atholl estate in Perthshire. Right, a view of Blair Castle.

Rural retreat

The Lodge

- Book Forest Lodge through Atholl Estates. There are lodges sleeping different numbers, all work out to around $130 each for three nights; atholl-estates.co.uk.

Getting there

- Book the Caledonian Sleeper from London at scotrail.co.uk. You can get a discount for a group booking (for about $270 a head), or keep an eye out for the "bargain berths" — each month 1,200 single tickets are released from £35 apiece.

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height over 910 metres. Hiking fanatics call it "munro bagging" as they try to tick all 284 munros off their list, but one was more than enough for us novices. The two-hour trek to the top is rewarded with a plateau with mountains stretching for as far as the eye can see.

As well as eagles and grouse, there were the flashing white tails of mountain hares darting away, and a huge herd of deer led up a ridege by a stately stag silhouetted against a radiant pink sunset.

After all that fresh air, it's time for for haggis canapés in the lounge, then a four-course banquet of smoked salmon, local lamb and pudding followed by port and cheese.

It would be difficult to leave this place at the end of the weekend, were it not for the fact that going back to London is also part of the adventure — after a full day admiring icicles in the river of the glen, we had another night of sleeper train-fun to keep us in good spirits.

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Spectacular, rugged landscapes form a dramatic backdrop on journeys around the Scottish countryside.

More ideas for Scottish getaways

Whisky tour
• Take a tour round the distilleries of Speyside, north west of Aberdeen — the area is home to more than half of Scotland's distilleries. Check out visitscotland.com for a four-day trip where you can take in seven different distilleries as well as coastline and Highland landscapes.

Islands
• You can drive around the rugged island of Mull for hours with just sheep and the handsome Highland Cattle with their russet shag-pile fur for company. Stop off for fresh fish and chips in the main town of Tobermory with its brightly painted harbour houses, and treat yourself to a bed and breakfast stay in a real castle, Glengorm; see glengormcastle.co.uk.

Glasgow
• Scotland's second city is a lively place what with its cultural, clubbing, and music scenes. Stay at the jumping Abode hotel in the centre of town, abodehotels.co.uk, or at One Devonshire Gardens, a luxurious and stylish boutique hotel in the upmarket West End neighbourhood; onedevonshiregardens.com.

Lochs
• Take a road trip round the Trossachs National Park in the West Highlands and you can drive round the lovely lochs (lakes) and enjoy some gourmet experiences, too. Stop off in Inverary for haggis, tatties and neeps at historic inn The George, thegeorgehtel.co.uk, and slurp fresh oysters at Loch Fyne, lochfyne.com.

Golfing
• Scotland is where golf was invented, so it's no wonder the courses are second to none. There are 550 to choose from, but the ultimate prize is a round on the Old Course at the historic St Andrews Royal and Ancient Golf Club; golf.visitscotland.com.

Skiing
• With the cold winter, there's plenty of snow in Scotland. Glenshee and The Lecht have a decent range of slopes and lifts, and of course you can eat haggis for lunch; check out ski.visitscotland.com.

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Festival season
Three festivals are scheduled to take place in Norfolk, Va. over the next few months, showcasing everything from azaleas to marching bands and tall ships. See visitnorfolktoday.com. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

13 Canadian hotels on National Geographic list

ACCOMMODATION The editors at National Geographic Traveler have picked 13 Canadian hotels for their second annual Stay List.

The 129 hotels selected displayed "a transcendent vision that goes beyond traditional hotel-keeping."

The Canadian hotels span the country, from Clayoquot Wilderness Resort on the extreme west coast of British Columbia to Chanterelle Country Inn on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. The other Canadian hotels were:

- Island Lake Lodge, Fernie, B.C.
- Hastings House Country House Hotel, Salt Spring Island, B.C.
- Sonora Resort, Sonora Island, B.C.
- Lazy Bear Lodge and Cafe, Churchill, Man.
- Fairmont Algonquin, St. Andrews by-the-Sea, N.B.
- Crown Jewel Resort Ranch, Cape Breton Island, N.S.
- Gladstone Hotel, Toronto
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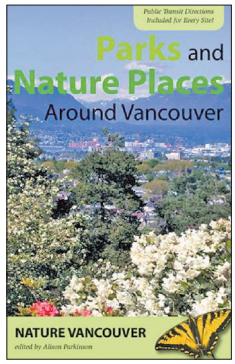
Naturalists' favourite spaces

More than 40 naturalists write about their favourite haunts in the new book Parks and Nature Places Around Vancouver.

Many of the destinations are in Vancouver and Burnaby, but others are located as far east as Fort Langley and south to Point Roberts.

Catherine Aitchison writes that Vancouver's Stanley Park — at 405 hectares, one of the largest municipal parks in North America — "offers something for everyone," including flower gardens, picnic areas, the Vancouver Aquarium, beaches, children's playgrounds and a large variety of wildlife.

At Brae Island Regional Park in Fort Langley, it's possible to combine riverside walks, mountain vistas, woodland trails through mature second-growth forest, and a visit to "the birthplace of British Columbia," writes Jaideep Mukerji.



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Fort Langley is where the Hudson's Bay Co. established a post to trade with the West Coast First Nations, an enterprise that led to the creation of the colony of British Columbia.

The Cecil Green Area at the University of British Columbia is famous among birders for the number and diversity of birds seen during spring and fall migrations — in April and May, and from mid-August to early October, writes June M. Ryder. The area also offers spectacular views of Howe Sound and the Strait of Georgia.

The book, from Harbour Publishing, was conceived to mark the 90th anniversary of Nature Vancouver, formerly the Vancouver Natural History Society.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sliding pound prompts dip in British travel to Canada

REPORT The sinking pound is keeping more Britons close to home but Canada is hanging in thanks to personal connections, says a new report.

The latest Global Tourism Watch report from the Canadian Tourism Commission notes visits to Canada declined by two per cent during the first seven months of 2008, compared to a five per cent increase in 2007.

But with a survey showing that 16 million-plus Britons remain interested in visiting Canada, the U.K. market still has the greatest potential of all overseas markets for Canada in terms of travel volumes.

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A selection of spiritual journeys

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From the tops of Machu Picchu, to the rose-red rock of Petra's canyon-like Siq, to the divinely-inspired churches of northern Ethiopia, there are plenty of places on earth that inspire. If you're looking for a holiday with a spiritual element, here are a few suggestions:

JULIA DIMON/FOR METRO CANADA

Rishikesh, a holy city in northern India, draws Babas, such as the one above, Hindu pilgrims and tourists looking for meaning.

Korean retreat

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Sun rise in Namibia

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Get enlightened in India

Rishikesh, a holy city in northern India, is a place many travellers go to find themselves. It's a wildly popular spot on the banks of the Ganges River that draws Hindu pilgrims, new-age hippies, young Israeli backpackers and wise Babas who spend their days in the lotus position. Located some 200 kilometres from Delhi, this self-proclaimed yoga capital of the world is packed with meditation centres, ashrams, Ayurvedic massage parlours, vegetarian restaurants and spiritual communities. With its nightly ceremonies along the river and vibe of collective spirituality, there's something magical about Rishikesh.

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Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels airing on OLN; juliadimon.com.

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Agreement will put limits on tourism in Antarctica

Caps come in face of recent visitors spike

Countries with interests in Antarctica have endorsed U.S.-proposed mandatory limits on Antarctic tourism that aim to protect the continent's fragile environment.

Officials say the parties to the 50-year-old Antarctic Treaty have agreed to impose binding restrictions on the size of cruise ships that land passengers there and the number of people they can bring ashore at any one time.

The agreement comes at the conclusion of a two-week meeting in Baltimore, Md.

The move mandates, under international law, current voluntary limits. The changes will become legally binding once each of the 28 countries that have signed the treaty ratify them.

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Adelie penguins at Cape Adaire, Antarctica. The Kapitan Khlebnikov cruise ship is in the distance.

Evan Bloom, the head of the U.S. delegation, says the revisions were adopted by consensus with no opposition and no hurdles to ratification are expected.

The restrictions do not contain a specific enforcement mechanism or penalties for limiting tourist operations.

But they will require signatories to the pact to ensure that Antarctic tour operators bar ships with more than 500 passengers from landing sites, restrict landings to one vessel at a time per site and limit passengers on shore to 100 at a time.

They also mandate a minimum of one guide for every 20 tourists while ashore, according to the documents.

Limiting tourist access to the continent has taken on urgency because of a surge in visits and recent cruise ship accidents, including two groundings in the just-finished 2008-09 season and the highly publicized sinking of a vessel in November 2007.

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators says visits have risen from 6,700 in the 1992-93 season to 29,500 in the 2006-07 season and 45,213 in 2008-09. Members of the association first developed the restrictions, adhere to them voluntarily and support the proposal to make them mandatory.

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In search of mountain gorillas

A correspondent who covered the Rwandan genocide returns

JEREMY THOMSON
for Metro World News

Ever wondered what to get your wife for her birthday? It was Lynn's 50th and I wanted to make it something special. Then it came to me — gorillas!

Mountain gorillas remain one of the greatest and rarest wildlife wonders of the world. With just 700 left on the planet, seeing them is something very special.

We were 8, 000 feet up in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park when our guides finally located them. Gasping in the thin mountain air, we'd clambered upwards for over an hour through thick, lush nettles, thistles and bamboo, when we emerged into a clearing and saw the Kwitonda family. It was a delightful scene — the giant silverback, his wives and babies, eating, preening and playing just feet away, seemingly unfazed by our presence.

Visiting time is limited to one hour a day and just eight visitors are allowed to meet each of the seven habituated gorilla families — so only 56 lucky tourists get to see them per day. This is to prevent these splendid primates from getting stressed or catching diseases. After all, they have 93 per cent of human DNA: They can get colds, just like us.

It was the American researcher Dian Fossey — whose work in Volcanoes National Park inspired the movie Gorillas in the Mist — who pioneered gorilla conservation here in the late 1960s. The ecotourism that arose from her project was going well until Rwanda became engulfed in tribal genocide exactly 15 years ago this month. Nearly a million people died in that brutal attempt at ethnic cleansing, horrific events I reported at the time as Sky News' Africa Correspondent.

Although roving militias and throngs of refugees encroached on gorilla habitat during those violent times, remarkably only one creature is known to have been killed. Soon after the new government sent army patrols to help park rangers protect the gorillas. Gorilla tourism was able to restart in 1997 and has been growing ever since.

Rwanda's Tourism Ministry recently agreed to a trans-boundary conservation plan with Uganda and Congo — the two neighboring countries where gorillas are also found.

Another major initiative has been community tourism, a joint venture between Rwanda's government and the private sector, backed by foreign NGOs, designed to plough money back into the local communities and improve their quality of life through better education and healthcare.

Returning after all these years, I was struck by the peaceful order of today's Rwanda. The genocide is not forgotten. Almost every village has its own memorial — the skulls in the window are a grim reminder of the past. But there is a collective determination to move forward as a united country, no longer divided by destructive tribalism.

Now the streets of this beautiful land in the heart of Africa are filled with the laughter of children — a new generation free from violence. And the welcome we were given couldn't have been warmer or more hospitable. Rwanda soon hopes to be known for its gorillas, not its genocide.

Jeremy Thompson is an anchorman for Sky News.

Officials place strict limits on the number of visitors who may go to see the mountain gorillas on any given day.

LYNN THOMPSON/FOR METRO WORLD NEWS

Sky News anchorman Jeremy Thompson poses with a family of Rwandan mountain gorillas in the background.

Getting there

- Kigali-based Thousand Hills Expeditions arranges transportation, accommodation and payment of park fees; visit thousandhills.rw or contact Jacqui Sebangeni, jacqui@thousandhills.rw.
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Jeremy Thompson visits a genocide memorial.

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Foot Chase

Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford is apparently ready to star in a remake of Footloose, but the producers are having trouble scheduling it around the filming of his television work. EONLINE.COM

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Earth hits big screen

New doc an impressive companion piece to BBC series

Earth

Director: Alastair Fothergill, Mark Linefield
Stars: James Earl Jones and a variety of cuddly animals
Classification: G
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Filmed at the same time as the BBC series Planet Earth, Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linefield's Earth is a remarkable achievement of nature documentary filmmaking.

The movie is filled with the beautiful cinematography that defined Planet Earth even if it isn't quite as intellectually satisfying.

It is impossible to watch Earth without comparing it to its predecessor, and while the confines of a 90-minute movie funded by Disney prevents the filmmakers from capturing the depth of the series, this is still an impressive companion piece that demands to be seen on the big screen.

The longer running time and family-focus of this feature forced the filmmakers to construct a narrative out of the footage captured for Earth. Fothergill and Linefield have structured their film around three families of animals (polar bears, whales, and elephants) embarking on epic journeys across their natural habitats.

The narrative device works, but limits what the filmmakers are able to explore thematically and the animals are given human qualities in a manner that creates unfavorable comparisons to March Of The Penguins. It's an outdated nature documentary technique that hurts the film ever so slightly, but can probably be attributed to Disney's involvement in the project and not the filmmakers.

Despite a questionable storytelling device, Earth is still a remarkable achievement. The stunning high definition photography that sold countless copies of Planet Earth Blu-rays really comes alive on the big screen.

This is a film that simply must be seen in a theater and will hopefully find a wider audience than most nature documentaries. James Earl Jones' commanding voice provides the narration that links the movie together (oddly Patrick Stewart narrated the movie in Europe, but not here) and just might cause audiences to burst into applause when he utters "the circle of life."

Though hardly perfect and less impressive than it's small screen predecessor, Earth is still a wonderful film sure to please family audiences tired of the usual Zac Efron tripe.

A male Superb Bird of Paradise displays its feathers to attract a mate in the documentary Earth.

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Harrison Ford leads new green initiative

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

He immortalized Indiana Jones. He has been People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive.

One of the most successful film actors of all time, Harrison Ford is also a long-time environmental activist. Recently he waxed his chest in a TV commercial to highlight the effects of deforestation. Now Ford unveils — in a Metro exclusive — his new environmental campaign: Team Earth.

Team Earth (teamearth.org) will launch worldwide on World Environment Day, June 5.

Q How is Team Earth different from other green campaigns?

A We're trying to bring together people from every avenue of life, for example young people, corporations and politicians. We want to bring everyone together into the environmental discussion. The common good isn't served by the actions of individuals, no matter how right you are and how well you conduct your personal life.

Q Why did you decide to get involved?

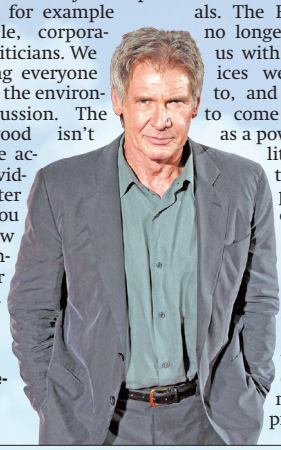
A I've been deeply involved in environmental issues for a long time, so it was an easy decision. I sit on the board of Conservation International, and that's a board where you don't just sit; you act.

Q Do you have a green lifestyle?

A I do what I can. I recycle and do other everyday things. I fly an airplane, but I buy carbon credits, though I must say I'm not totally convinced by the concept of carbon credits.

Q We're constantly told to drive less and consume less energy. What else can regular people do to help the environment?

A Conserve and protect water. Reduce waste. Don't buy products with toxic materials. The Earth can no longer provide us with the services we're used to, and we have to come together as a powerful political force to make politicians understand that. We have to make it clear to them that the environment is a priority.



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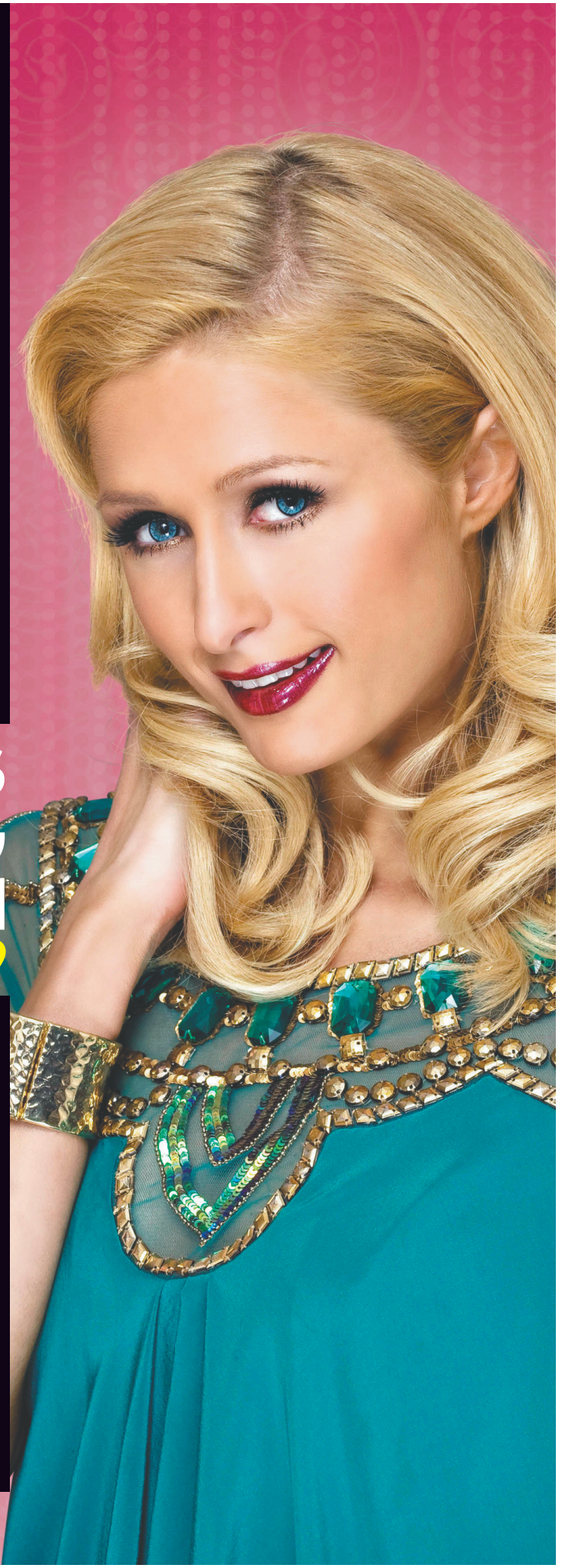

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Bale, Wahlberg to work together

Christian Bale and Mark Wahlberg are not done professionally. The Dark Knight has signed on to join Wahlberg in The Fighter, a years-in-development biopic following Boston's world lightweight champ (Irish) Mickey Ward. EONLINE.COM

SAG deal works for Toronto

AGREEMENT A tentative deal between the largest actors' union in the U.S. and the major studios is potentially good news for film and television production in Toronto and Canada.

The board of the U.S. Screen Actors Guild has narrowly approved a new agreement with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, representing the major Hollywood studios, that could lead to the end of a two-year impasse.

That impasse has meant a dramatic decline in studio approvals of feature film productions, some of which get shot in Canada.

"That (tentative deal) is the good news. The bad news is that it looks like it's going to take up to five or six weeks to get it ratified," said Ken Ferguson, president of Filmport Studios, noting the agreement still requires mail-in ballot approval by the U.S. union's 20,000 members, which isn't likely to be completed until the end of May. "We've been waiting for this day for a long time. It is definitely going to be good for business. It may not necessarily open the floodgates but ... it removes a fairly major obstacle."

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Stephen Waddell, national executive director of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists, said the SAG dispute has mostly held up studio approval of big-budget feature films.

With the Canadian dollar falling to about 80 cents U.S., the film and TV production industry here is once again poised to attract increasing amounts of U.S. business, Waddell said.

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Some actors still opposed

Despite tentative studio deal, minority group remains vocal

A group of Hollywood actors remains staunchly opposed to a proposed two-year deal with the major studios, and is gearing up to fight its ratification by members.

The Screen Actors Guild board approved the tentative deal by a slim margin of 53 per cent to 47 per cent on Sunday. But the minority group against the deal, a faction called Membership First, remains vocal and has a well-funded political machine it intends to use to fight ratification "as hard as anything I've campaigned against," said its spokeswoman, Anne-Marie Johnson.

Talks on a contract covering movies and prime-time TV shows have run well past the contract's expiration last June. But with ballots to be sent to 120,000 members for a vote in the next few weeks, actors in Hollywood are bracing for a final battle.

Scott Wilson, a 67-year-old actor who has been in more than 50 movies and nearly a dozen TV shows, is part of the hardline group opposing the deal and has protested the studio's offer for the last 12 weeks in front of the Guild's headquarters in Los Angeles.

On Monday, following the board's weekend vote, he took up his post again.

"I believe if this should be ratified by membership, it is the end of acting as a profession," Wilson said.

Wilson argues that the agreement is dangerous because it allows producers to create Internet-only shows with non-union actors, opening the door to the union's eventual irrelevance.

The agreement also reduces residual payments — checks that actors receive on DVD sales or show reruns — for content that is offered on the web versus on traditional platforms.

Wilson said actors' residual income, sometimes half their earnings, will shrink by millions of dollars because networks are cutting back on TV reruns and more and more movies and TV shows are ending up online.

He said the same tactics were used by the studios to trim actors' compensation on emerging technologies when cable TV became a force in the 1980s, and again when DVDs took hold in the 1990s.

"Now they're singing the same old song: 'We'll sunset this and renegotiate this in two years,'" Wilson said. "You know from history what that means. Once they have the template, that's going to be the model and they're not going to change it."

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents the studios, declined to comment.

A moderate Guild faction called Unite for Strength pushed Membership First out of power last fall in internal elections that reflected actors' unhappiness with the long delay in reaching a deal.

The moderates will mount a campaign of their own, courting actors by "disabusing them of some of the disinformation and scare tactics" that Membership First has used to rally opposition, said Sam Freed, president of the Guild's New York division, which is working with the moderate group.

He argued that under the proposal, non-union actors are only allowed on "low budget" shows costing less than $15,000 per minute, and only then if no actor hired has credits on stage or screen — exceptional cases that don't matter much to working actors.

Freed also notes that networks are making far less in advertising revenue on online reruns than with broadcast TV reruns, and are not about to make a switch that will hurt actors' residual income by much.

"The networks are not going to slit their throats and rush their product to the Internet," he said. "It's a real bogus argument."

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Actor Scott Wilson, bottom center, with others protest the proposed Screen Actors Guild contract outside the SAG offices in Los Angeles on April 20. Wilson has been protesting outside the Screen Actors Guild for almost 12 weeks now.

Looking forward

- The Guild's majority group and its minority opposition will write up materials for and against the agreement in the next two weeks that will accompany the ballots, and voting is expected to wrap up in four or five weeks.

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Gallagher, Brand ring Obama
Noel Gallagher and Russell Brand phoned U.S. President Barack Obama to quiz him about soccer. The pair made a call to the American leader during their radio show on British station talkSPORT, which aired Sunday night. They left a voice message. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

When obsession goes wrong

Female stalkers always seem to get their due in male-dominated Hollywood

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

The thriller Obsessed may be best summed-up with the proverb, "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned."

The film — which opens this Friday — stars Ali Larter as an office temp who becomes so enamored with a co-worker, she sets out to ruin his marriage. As the title implies, it's an infatuation that knows no boundaries.

It's not necessarily a novel idea however. Swimfan, Single White Female, Notes on a Scandal and Vanilla Sky are just some films that explore a similar trend of female-rooted obsession. It seems instead of the traditionally bewitching femme fatale archetype, writers are more frequently devising roles where women become the stalker.

Although the notion of what has been described as the fixated "psycho femme" was introduced in 1971's Play Misty For Me, "When most people think of (1987's) Fatal Attraction, (they think of) the ultimate case of obsession-gone-wrong," says Dominique Mainon.

Co-author of the book Cinema of Obsession, Mainon has studied erotic fixation on film and describes the "female gaze" as influential to the recent gender-flipping trend in movies.

"The female gaze is a quasi-feminist perspective where the woman is trying to enforce her own ideals with men instead of the other way around," says Mainon, noting that while this quasi-feminist dimension may seem empowering at first, the "psycho femme" always gets her due in male-dominated Hollywood.

SUZANNE TENNER

Idris Elba, left, and Ali Larter in a scene from Screen Gems' new thriller Obsessed.

"For the most part, it's always presented as a dysfunction when you see the woman in charge like that," says Mainon. "She's almost always considered emotionally isolated; she has dysfunctional relationships; she's never, in the end, getting married, going off and having a good life."

"I think everyone gets mixed up between love and possession at one point or another."
Dominique Mainon

While the deviant character may suffer on-screen, theatre owners are hoping the premise of an obsessed woman will at least fill multiplex seats this weekend. After all, as the popularity of past thrillers has dictated, cult audiences do obsess over the archetype of the "psycho femme."

"I think people want to live vicariously through these characters," says Mainon. "This is just a chance to escape and imagine what it would be like. Whether people carry it out or not, I think everyone gets mixed up between love and possession at one point or another."

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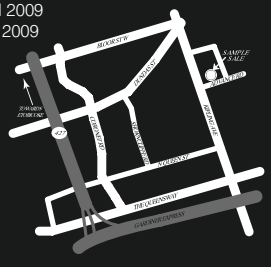

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Many lashing out at Chan

Actor's comments taken out of context: Spokesman

Jackie Chan's comments that freedom may not be good for China were taken out of context, his spokesman said Tuesday, while Facebook users and Chinese scholars condemned the veteran actor on the Internet in a spreading backlash.

The 55-year-old star of the Rush Hour action comedies caused a huge uproar after he told a business forum on Saturday that it may not be good for authoritarian China to become a free society.

"I'm not sure if it's good to have freedom or not," Chan said Saturday, adding freedoms in his native Hong Kong and Taiwan made those societies "chaotic."

Taiwan, which split from China in 1949, is democratic and Hong Kong, a former British colony now ruled by China, enjoys some free elections.

"I'm gradually beginning to feel that we Chinese need to be controlled. If we're not being controlled, we'll just do what we want," he said.

Hong Kong and Taiwanese legislators lashed out at the comments, with some accusing Chan of insulting the Chinese race.

But Solon So, the chief executive of Chan's company JC Group and his main spokesman, told The Associated Press in a phone interview Tuesday the actor was referring to freedom in the entertainment industry and not Chinese society at large.

Chan was speaking at a panel discussion about Asian entertainment industries and was asked to discuss movie censorship in China.

"Some people with ulterior motives deliberately misinterpreted what he was saying," So said.

But Chan discussed China as a country — not its entertainment industry specifically — immediately before making his comments about freedom, according to an AP reporter who attended Chan's panel discussion in the southern Chinese island province Hainan.

"Sure, we've got 5,000 years of history, but our new country has just been around for 60 years and the reforms for 30 years. It's hard to compare us with other countries," Chan said, referring to China's communist rule and capitalist-style reforms under the communist regime.

"But I feel that in the 10 years after Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule, I can gradually see, I'm not sure if it's good to have freedom or not," Chan continued.

Meanwhile, the public backlash against Chan grew.

A group of Chinese scholars published a letter on the Internet on Monday accusing Chan of "not understanding how precious freedom is," even though "free Hong Kong provided the conditions for you to become an international action star."

A Facebook group set up by Hong Kong users calling for Chan to be exiled to North Korea had drawn more than 2,600 members by Tuesday. The group also posted form letters urging Hong Kong's Baptist University and Academy for Performing Arts to strip Chan of honorary degrees they gave the actor.

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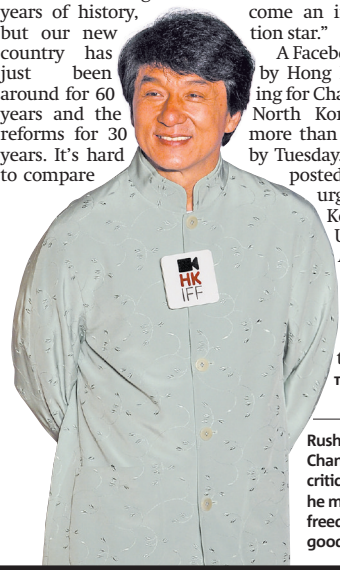

Rush Hour actor Jackie Chan, left, is being criticized for comments he made about freedom not being good for China.

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CBC unveils its new fall schedule

TELEVISION A reality show that pairs figure skaters with hockey players is among the new shows set to air on CBC this fall.

Battle of the Blades will be an elimination-style competition that features contestants squaring off in a pairs figure skating performance.

Also set to air on the public broadcaster this fall is The Ron James Show, starring the popular co-median.

Evan Solomon

Canada's Super Speller, hosted by Evan Solomon, will also be on the docket. It's a game show that features 12 finalists competing against each other in a spelling contest.

Among the winter premieres are 18 to Life, a comedy about a couple that gets married at 18, and The Republic of Doyle, about a father-son team of private investigators plying their trade in Newfoundland.

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Butt, McKellar take home writer's awards

Writers Guild honours Canada's best

The kudos just keep coming for Corner Gas.

Series creator Brent Butt was honoured at the Writers Guild of Canada Screenwriting Awards on Monday night, winning the best half-hour TV episode award for penning a Corner Gas instalment titled Full Load.

The show ended its six-season run last week.

Geri Hall, who hosted the 13th annual awards show, shared a trophy with her colleagues from CBC's sketch comedy series This Hour Has 22 Minutes for best variety script for their first episode of the season.

Adam Barken won best one-hour TV episode for an instalment of CTV's cop series Flashpoint titled Who's George.

Best feature film screenplay went to Blindness by Don McKellar, who also starred in the film along with Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo. The thriller, about an epidemic of blindness, hit theatres last year.

AARON HARRINGTON/AIM NEWS SERVICE

Don McKellar, seen here at the gala premiere of Blindness during the Toronto International Film Festival, was honoured at the Writers Guild of Canada Screenwriting Awards for the film.

John Walker was honoured for his script for the documentary Passage, which blends acting and real-life elements as it chronicles a chapter of the Northwest Passage's history.

Winning the movie-of-the-week and miniseries category was Mayerthorpe, written by Andrew Wreggitt. The Gemini Award-winning piece, which aired on CTV, is a dramatization of the real-life killings of four RCMP officers near Mayerthorpe, Alta.

More than 150 scripts were nominated in 11 categories for this year's WGC Screenwriting Awards, which honour Canadian talent.

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Julie Chen is pregnant

Fans of Julie Chen have been anticipating it for years, and the news is finally here: The Early Show and Big Brother host is pregnant, according to Page Six. She and husband Les Moonves are expecting the child in October. METRO WORLD NEWS

A long and winding Rhoda

Voice of Marge Simpson Julie Kavner lauds DVD release of her '70s sitcom

Ironically, for an actor so indelibly identified by her distinctive voice, Julie Kavner remains adamantly unwilling to talk.

Kavner has, for the past 20 years, preferred to let her animated alter-ego Marge Simpson do all the talking for her, eschewing public appearances, and refusing to be videotaped or photographed at work.

She is so notoriously press-shy — she once snuck out in the middle of an ensemble interview on Inside the Actors Studio — she has been branded a virtual recluse.

And yet, here she is on the phone — and there is no mistaking that throaty rasp, which has been described, not inaccurately, as the sound of "honeyed gravel."

"It's true," she concedes, "I tend not to like (being interviewed). But this was something I really wanted to talk about."

"This" being the long-overdue DVD release of the seminal '70s sitcom spinoff Rhoda. The first-season set hit stores yesterday, to coincide with the show's 35th anniversary. "It was about time," Kavner complains. "I mean, they put everything else out there ..."

Though her Simpsons success has guaranteed financial security for several lifetimes — last year she and her castmates negotiated a per-episode pay bump to $500,000 — Rhoda remains closest to her heart. "It gave me my life, it gave me my career, it gave me the love of my life, David Davis."

Davis, with whom she has lived since the '70s, was also responsible for kick-starting her career, calling her in "as a favour to a family friend" to read for a one-shot role as Rhoda's sister on Mary Tyler Moore. She didn't get it. "A year later," she says, "they spun off the show, and David remembered me and brought me back in."

CBS FILE PHOTO

A publicity shot of Julie Kavner as she appeared during her days as Brenda Morgenstern on the 1970s TV series Rhoda.

This time, Kavner won the role of Brenda Morgenstern, the sitcom poster-girl for low self-esteem ... initially, both on and off screen, having suddenly found herself surrounded on all sides by seasoned television professionals. "Valerie Harper and Nancy Walker and Hal Gould and David Groh ... and (behind the scenes) David Davis and James L. Brooks and Lorenzo Music and Allan Burns ... I was the new one. It was my first paying job. "But they couldn't have been nicer and more welcoming. It was always, always about the work ... none of that, you know, diva bulls—."

Rhoda earned Kavner the first of two Emmys (the second was for The Simpsons), and yet, when it was cancelled after four and a half seasons, she found herself slumming it on the dinner-theatre circuit, including a fondly remembered tour of Western Canada. In the early '80s she had a guest shot on Taxi as yet another sitcom sister (Tony Banta's, played by Tony Danza), and then five years later made an extraordinary leap to the big screen and her first Woody Allen film, Hannah and her Sisters.

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Hill to headline Stockholm fest

MUSIC Organizers say former Fugees singer Lauryn Hill will be the headline act for the Stockholm Jazz Festival in July.

Lauryn Hill

Festival spokesman Gunnar Lagerman says the hip-hop and R&B singer will perform at the five-day event as part of a 10-stop European tour.

It will be the second time Hill has headlined the festival. Other artists lined up for the July 15-19 festival include tenor saxophonist Sonny Rollins and Brazilian singer Gilberto Gil.

The event celebrates its 26th anniversary this year and is expected to attract up to 30,000 people.

The Stockholm Jazz Festival is one of Sweden's biggest music events, and has previously hosted stars such as Mary J. Blige, Sting, Stevie Wonder, Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie.

Seger named in U.S. lawsuit

COURTS Detroit rocker Bob Seger and a bandmate have been named in a negligence lawsuit filed by a man who says he suffered injuries in a crash involving a car registered to Seger.

Oxford resident Scott Martin claims in the suit he was injured Aug. 8 in Independence Township when his motorcycle was struck by the Seger-registered 2004 Lexus driven by Christopher Campbell.

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In brief

FIRE Country music legend Jimmy Dean and his wife escaped a fire that heavily damaged their house in Virginia. Authorities said yesterday that three firefighters suffered minor injuries fighting the blaze at the home in Varina.

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Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt

Read the blog at metronews.ca/kenyasstyle

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critics' corner

Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag

In his book "Cook With Jamie," subtitled "My Guide to Making You a Better Cook," British superstar chef Jamie Oliver emphasizes the importance of using ingredients that are natural, organic and wherever possible, locally produced. Anna and Kristina do what they always do — try to make recipes from the cookbook come out as they should — and also weigh in on whether the higher cost of organic food is worth it. 8 PM on W

South Park

Summer brings a ban on the boys' beloved fireworks, leaving them clueless about how to have fun in warm weather. While Stan and Kyle make a snowman out of mud, Cartman is off to the community pool, ignoring his friends' warnings about what first-graders do in there. As Mr. Garrison attempts to function without Mr. Hat, the mayor procures the world's largest snake — the burning kind, not the reptile — for the town's Fourth of July celebration. 9:30 PM on COM

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Baby on way for Gruffudd

Welsh actor Ioan Gruffudd, who starred in Fantastic Four, and his English wife, actress Alice Evans, are expecting a baby, his rep confirms to People. This will be the first child for the couple. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Kanye's naked pics no shoe ad

SCANDAL The pictures of Kanye West and his naked girlfriend, Amber Rose are not for a Louis Vuitton campaign, as originally thought, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Last week, the rapper's personal images surfaced on the Internet, with reports quick to suggest that it was part of West's campaign for his range of Louis Vuitton sneakers.

However, according to The Cut, sources have confirmed to them that the images are not part of any campaign for the fashion house.

West's desire to ditch music for designing seems to be gaining momentum in the fashion world though, as he appeared at a record number of shows around the globe during Fashion Week season.

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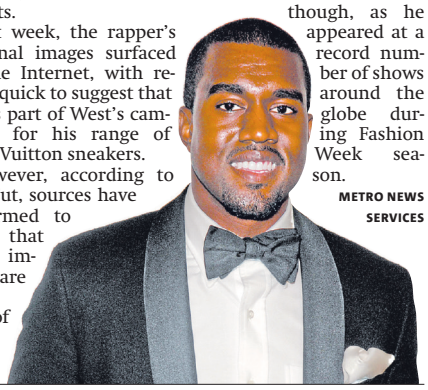

Lindsay to star in burlesque?

CAREER Lindsay Lohan has sparked rumours she's signed on to appear in a new topless Las Vegas stage act, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The star, 22, reportedly flew to Sin City on Saturday to attend the grand opening of sexy striptease production Peepshow and meet with its creator, Broadway director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell.

Former Spice Girl Melanie Brown kicked off her stint in the show last week, which features celebrities in rotating lead roles.

According to Fox News, Lohan is in talks with Mitchell to take over from actress Kelly Monaco when the star leaves the show to return to U.S. soap opera General Hospital.

A spokesperson for Lohan had not returned requests for comment.

Lohan has seen her acting career almost disappear in the last 12 months, with her last movie, I Know Who Killed Me, universally panned; Lohan's performance garnered her a Razzie.

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Swayze 'kicking butt' amid cancer: Whoopi

ILLNESS Whoopi Goldberg tells usmagazine.com her cancer-stricken Ghost co-star Patrick Swayze is "doing the best he can."

"He's kicking butt," she told the magazine. "And, you know, he's sick. And he, like the rest of us, doesn't know when it's going to happen — because it will happen, that he is going to go — but he doesn't know when or where.

"His attitude is, why wait for it to happen?" she went on. "So he's busy as hell."

Since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer more than a year ago, the 56-year-old actor — who denied reports in March that he is nearing "the end" — has thrown himself into work.

He's writing a memoir and filmed the first season of A&E's crime drama, The Beast, which concludes Thursday. It remains to be seen whether the show will be picked up for another season.

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Farrah's son exaggerates: Pal

PEOPLE Farrah Fawcett's best friend Alana Stewart has dismissed claims made by the actress' son in court, telling a judge his mom's cancer problems had reduced her to a skeletal 86 pounds, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Redmond O'Neal made the shocking claim in court last week during a hearing stemming from drug charges against him, but Stewart insists the 24-year-old is mistaken.

She tells people.com, "Farrah is not 86 pounds. Redmond is young and overreacted a little. Farrah has lost weight, but not that much."

And the former wife of Rod Stewart has revealed Fawcett is planning to pay back O'Neal's father — her ex Ryan — for all his support by hosting a 68th birthday party for the actor on Monday night.

Stewart adds, "Ryan has really been there for Farrah in such a wonderful way." The socialite also insists her cancer-stricken pal is on the path to recovery following a hospital stay at the beginning of the month.

She explains, "I just saw her ... She had colour in her face and was talking and laughing."

Fawcett was admitted to a Los Angeles hospital for internal bleeding not directly related to her cancer.

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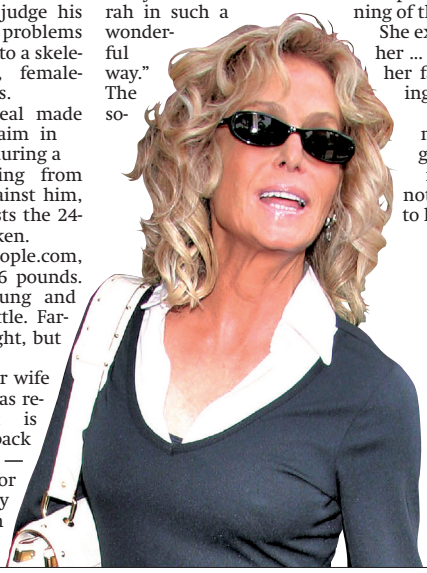

GETTY IMAGES

Mel's lover keeps steamy sex diary?

RUMOUR The woman claiming to be Mel Gibson's mistress, Russian singer Oksana Pochepa, reportedly keeps a diary of all her sexual activity — and isn't shy about sharing it.

"She once showed me the diary and I could barely believe it," a source tells the Sun. "Sex is the main thing for her." It's been reported that Gibson's wife filed for divorce after steamy pictures of her husband and Pochepa were published.

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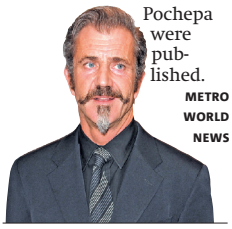

Judd's Indy race treat

PEOPLE Ashley Judd was given a special 41st birthday treat by her racing car driver husband Dario Franchitti as he won the Long Beach Grand Prix in California, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

It was the speed star's second race back driving Indy cars after branching out as a NASCAR driver last season. Judd was among Franchitti fans cheering her husband on and the racer dedicated his victory to her.

After winning the race by defeating defending race champ Will Power, Franchitti said, "This is for her (Judd). It was good to finally win here in Long Beach."

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Life at the Affleck-Garner home

FAMILY Ben Affleck may have many talents when it comes to parenting three-year-old daughter Violet, but according to his wife Jennifer Garner hairdressing isn't one of them, people.com reports.

"Ben will do the school run," Garner, 35, tells InStyle of her family's morning routine. "He dresses her and does her hair. It's pretty funny. You can always tell when he has been at it, just two random barrettes hanging in there. It's so sweet."

Adds Garner: "Ben can be pretty clueless when it comes to my clothes or makeup. But when he does notice and says something, he's so sweet that I forgive him."

As for her own role, Garner aims to shield her daughters — Seraphina Rose and Violet — from unwanted attention.

"I try not to look, but when I see these (paparazzi) pictures of Violet and me, I'm always smiling like a monkey, trying not to let her feel my anxiety," she says. "That was some really good advice I got about dealing with it."

More successfully, Garner says she is achieving a balance between work and family. "I always quiz Reese Witherspoon about how she does it," Garner says of the juggling act. "I feel like she does a really good job."

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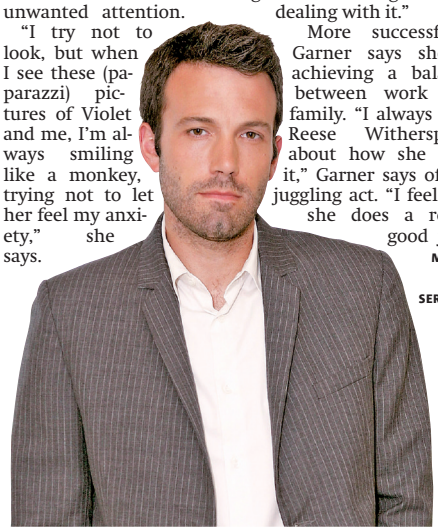

JT and Jessica still together

RELATIONSHIP Ever since Justin Timberlake was spotted "very much acting like a single guy" at Kate Hudson's star-studded 30th birthday party over the weekend, according to Us Weekly, rumors have been swirling that he and girlfriend Jessica Biel have split up.

But friends of the couple say that couldn't be further from the truth. "They have not split," a source says, according to Hollyscoop.

Another adds: "Things are very good with them. They do things separately sometimes."

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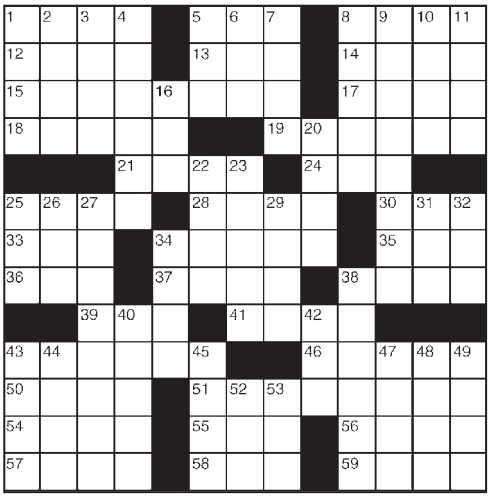

Crossword across

1 Overly theatrical
5 Pitcher's chapeau
8 Memo writer's "Now!"
12 Eastern bigwig
13 Actor Tognazzi
14 "Monopoly" pair
15 Buck
17 Bullets
18 Switchblade
19 Wet
21 Notion
24 Work with
25 Equitable
28 Culture medium
30 Eve, originally
33 "— Lay Dying"
34 Eugene O'Neill specialty
35 Geological period
36 Emeril's interjection
37 Con
38 Showing signs of aging
39 Skillet
41 Advantage
43 Caviar provider
46 Point of view
50 Valhalla VIP
51 Didn't quite boil
54 Schism
55 Excessively
56 Peruse
57 Piano lineup
58 Picnic invader
59 Distorted

Crossword down

1 Barrel
2 Infamous Idi
3 "La Boheme" role
4 Gain
5 Prompt
6 Earlier
7 Frogs' hangout
8 Either of two presidents
9 One with a silly smile
10 Pinnacle
11 Laborer
16 Started
20 Emanation
22 Have coming
23 Marble variety
25 Poke
26 Dos Passos trilogy
27 Clear up
29 In the thick of
31 401(k) alternative
32 Cove
34 "Phooey!"
38 Groups of species
40 Some of the family
42 Whale group
43 Jurist Robert
44 Actress Falco
45 "The Thin Man" dog
47 Got bigger
48 Mad king of literature
49 Vortex
52 Charged bit
53 Witticism

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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5	6	9	7	4	1	8	2	3
3	4	1	2	6	8	7	5	9
8	5	6	3	9	2	4	7	1
4	7	3	1	5	6	2	9	8
9	1	2	8	7	4	3	6	5

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Pork with Mustard Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

1 tsp (5 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
4 boneless pork loin chops, 3/4 in. (2 cm) thick, trimmed of all fat
4 tbsp (60 mL) dry white wine or vermouth
1 garlic clove, minced
3/4 cup (175 mL) chicken or vegetable stock
2 tsp (10 mL) cornstarch mixed with 1 tbsp (15 mL) water
1/2 cup (125 mL) sour cream
1 tbsp (15 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh tarragon
Salt and fresh-ground black pepper
Fresh chives

METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat. Add pork chops and fry until brown, 3 minutes per side. Transfer to plate; set aside and keep warm.
2. Add wine or vermouth to pan with garlic and let bubble briefly. Pour in stock and boil 2 minutes. Stir together cornstarch mixture and sour cream until smooth. Add to hot cooking liquid, stirring well. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth, 2 minutes. Stir in mustard and tarragon and season with salt and pepper to taste.
3. Return pork chops to sauce in the pan. Reduce heat to low, cover pan, and simmer until chops are cooked through, 4 to 5 minutes.
4. Arrange pork chops on warm plates and spoon sauce over. Garnish with chives.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Someone wants to protest but won't. You'll find out who has too much to do. A mysterious woman becomes cynical.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Plans are made but somebody is going to leave early. Refuse to wear yourself out for anyone. You'll be told things that you should already know.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You'll get credit for something you didn't do. Demanding people strongly affect your mood. Don't focus on a thoughtless remark.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
People want to know what needs to be done. It's time to be a visionary. Use your common sense.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Someone wants to change your life. A frantic woman makes a phone call. You're not sure if something is true.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A player supplies some sensible advice. Someone makes you lose time. A rebel enjoys a truth-seeking session.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Happiness is found by someone in love. You'll work behind the scenes. Keep an open mind when you kick off a debate.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Don't be stubborn if you want to change your mind. Something complex sets off emotional responses. Things will work out for the best.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll benefit from good luck. Don't strain the patience of a close friend. A determined stranger appears to be triumphant.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
An acquaintance is moody about attention-grabbing. An expert understands your feelings. A victim makes an admission of guilt.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Prepare for a change after a friend offers support. A pitiless challenger won't panic. Budgeting could result in success.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Obligations are questioned by someone with concerns. Provide support during a health crisis. Don't cringe about a money problem.

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01–LAKESHORE WEST GO TRAIN & BUS
The weekday eastbound 3:08 p.m. train from Aldershot will now depart at 3:18. Times will be later at all stops along the route including arrival at Union and on connecting bus trips.

The weekday westbound 8:43 a.m. train from Union will now depart at 8:46. Times will be a little later at all stops along the route including arrival at Aldershot and on connecting bus trips.

Sunday and holiday bus trips from Aldershot to McMaster University will be suspended for the spring and summer.

09–LAKESHORE EAST GO TRAIN & BUS
The weekday westbound 7:46 a.m. train from Oshawa will now depart at 7:55. Times will be later at all stops along the route including arrival at Union and on connecting bus trips.

The weekday westbound 8:18 a.m. train from Pickering will now depart at 8:25. Times will be later at all stops along the route including arrival at Union.

The weekday eastbound 5:03 p.m. train from Union will now depart at 5:05 and also stop at Danforth at 5:16 and Scarborough at 5:22 p.m. Times will be a little later at all other stops along the route including arrival at Pickering.

19–OAKVILLE HWY. 403 GO BUS
Two new eastbound trips, plus minor updates to better reflect typical travel times.

20–MILTON-BRONTE GO BUS
Some time changes to connect with the adjusted Lakeshore West GO Train service.

21–MILTON GO BUS
New weekday and weekend trips, plus changes to some existing trips.

27–MILTON HWY. 401 GO BUS
The weekday westbound 9:15 a.m. trip from Finch GO Bus Terminal will now also stop at the Meadowvale Business Park at 10:00. Times will be a little later at all stops along the route including arrival in Milton.

29–UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH GO BUS
We're making minor updates to the weekday schedule to better reflect typical travel times. Sunday and holiday trips between Guelph and Cooksville GO Station will be suspended for the spring and summer.

31–GEORGETOWN GO BUS
New weekday and weekend trips. The Friday trips from the University of Guelph will be suspended for the spring and summer.

HWY. 407 WEST & EAST GO BUSES
A new weekday trip departs Meadowvale GO Station at 6:05 a.m., serves Bramalea GO Station at 6:22 and arrives at York University at 6:45 a.m.

Some trips will be suspended for the spring and summer so be sure to check the new schedules.

50–U OF T SCARBOROUGH/CENTENNIAL COLLEGE GO BUS
Service will be suspended for the spring and summer starting May 2.

60–WONDERLAND GO BUS
Seasonal service resumes on May 3.

62–NEWMARKET "B" GO BUS
We're making minor updates to this schedule to better reflect typical travel times.

65–BARRIE-BRADFORD GO BUS
There will be eight new weekend trips between the Newmarket and Union Station GO Bus Terminals.

66–NEWMARKET HWY. 400 GO BUS
We're making minor updates to this schedule to better reflect typical travel times.

71–STOUFFVILLE GO BUS
New weekday and weekend trips plus changes to some existing trips.

81–PORT PERRY GO BUS
Some time changes to connect with the adjusted Lakeshore East GO Train service.

93–DURHAM COLLEGE-UOIT GO BUS
Service will be suspended for the summer.

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